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Prost! APG Oktoberfest Friday & Saturday

From brats and beer to oompah and polka, come celebrate the Aberdeen Proving Ground 2015 Oktoberfest at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center grounds this weekend, Oct. 23-24.

Festivities begin 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23 with an opening ceremony, during which the installation commander will make brief remarks and tap the ceremonial keg.

The celebration continues 11 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 24 beginning with a Volksmarch run/walk and a classic car show. Other Friday and Saturday activities include a family fun zone with games and inflatables, craft vendors, and live German music and dancers.

Don't miss the sure-to-wow fireworks display at 9 p.m., Saturday.

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Photo by Stacy Smith

Pumpkin Patch delights Corvias families

"Pirate" Josue Vasquez, 4, shows a glow-in-the-dark creepy crawler to his friends, 8-year-old Fred Jackson, as Captain America, left, and "Alien" Jayden Vasquez, 7, during the annual Resident Pumpkin Patch hosted by Corvias Military Living at Bayside Community Center on APG North (Aberdeen), Oct. 16. The free event was open to post family housing residents and included free pumpkins, a Halloween costume parade and contest, prizes and refreshments. **View more photos in the "APG Snapshot" on page 19.**

Expo reveals tech innovations

Story and photos by **STACY SMITH**
APG News

More than 400 APG personnel viewed the latest in technology and innovation during the Fall Technology Expo at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center, Oct. 14.

The U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center (ECBC) and Federal Direct Access Expositions (FDAE) co-hosted the free event, which featured products from more than 75 exhibitors in global satellite and wireless communications, data analysis and analytics, information technology, fiber optics, network security, imaging and printers, data storage and more.

"We sponsor the expo every six months to showcase all the new technology that's out there and might be of interest to the research, development, technology and engineering community," said Mary McCully, Information Technology Acquisition team leader at ECBC.

"With our mission here at APG, we have to be on the leading edge of technology," she said, adding that the expo is a convenient way for scientists and engineers to see the latest advancements without having to

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Techni-Tool Corporate Account Manager Vince Libercci shows Army Test and Evaluation Command Information Technology Specialist John Heidenreich a list of test-equipment products offered by his company during the Fall Technology Expo at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center, Oct. 14.

Garrison HHC changes leadership



By **YVONNE JOHNSON**
APG News

The APG Garrison Headquarters and Headquarters Company saw a change in leadership, Oct. 15, as Capt. Robert "Danny" Allen assumed command from Capt. Nicholas Milano. The outgoing Milano moves on to a position with the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command.

He was praised for his past performance and Allen was welcomed as a capable replacement by Garrison Commander Col. James E. Davis who presided over the ceremony and wished

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APG Garrison Commander Col. James E. Davis, center, passes the Headquarters and Headquarters Company colors to Capt. Robert "Danny" Allen, left, during a change of command ceremony, Oct. 15. Allen assumed command of the unit from Capt. Nicholas Milano, right. HHC Garrison 1st Sgt. Jermaine Allen, back, accepted the colors from his new company commander.

Photo by Sean Kief

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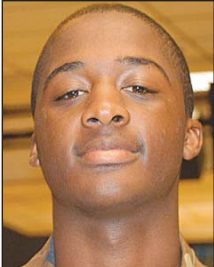
Which baseball team would you like to see go to the World Series?

I am rooting for the Chicago Cubs because it has been over 100 years since they have won a World Series. We underdogs have to stick together.



Claudia Miller
Contractor

I am a Washington Nationals fan, but I heard the Toronto Blue Jays are good this year. I like [José] Bautista [Toronto Blue Jays right fielder].



Kamren Slade
Freestate ChalleNGe Academy

I would like to see the Chicago Cubs win the World Series, anything can happen. I usually root for the underdog.



Buddy Watts
Contractor

I am rooting for the New York Mets, because I think they are a really good team. I want to watch the games between the Mets and the Cubs this week.



Michael Rankosky
CECOM LRC

I am rooting for the [Kansas City] Royals because I was at the game the night they clinched their division [the American League Central Division on Sept. 24]. I have been bleeding blue ever since. Also, there are many former [Milwaukee] Brewers players that currently play for the Royals, and the Brewers are my number one team.



Jeff Peck
U.S. Government Accountability Office



Ciara Smith, 6, left, Kennedy Warren, 6, right, and other APG youth are ready to celebrate Halloween safely in the Bayside housing area.

Photo by Stacy Smith

Staying safe on Halloween

APG Halloween trick-or-treating hours will take place between 6 and 8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 31. As a result of the new MD Route 22 gate hours, at least one marked police patrol car will be stationed at the intersections of Harford Boulevard and Garden Drive/Bay View Drive to assist pedestrians crossing the roadway. Police officers will also patrol the housing areas to ensure the safety of all trick-or-treaters.

APG police officers remind Team APG families to only cross roadways at designated crosswalks and to first check for traffic.

Flu shots now available

By MARQUIS TURNER
KUSAHC

Influenza shots are available at the Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic's immunization clinic 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily for uniformed service members, retirees, family members and TRICARE beneficiaries. Flu shots are mandatory for active duty personnel.

"KUSAHC will offer flu shots to DOD civilians, just as we have in years past," said Capt. Joanna Moore, KUSAHC chief of Preventive Medicine. "However, due to a reduced supply of vaccines on hand and changes in administrative requirements, KUSAHC will not be conducting mobile flu clinics this year," Moore said. "We will instead host two community outreach clinics for DOD employees."

The first clinic will be held 4 to 5:30 p.m. during the Oktoberfest opening ceremony, Friday, Oct. 23, at the APG-

North (Aberdeen) recreation center.

The second event will be held during the ATEC Health Fair – an installation health fair at ATEC headquarters, Bldg. 2202. Shots will be available 10 a.m. to noon, Thursday, Nov. 5.

At the Edgewood Health Clinic, flu shots will be available on the following dates:

Thursday, Oct. 22, 1 to 3 p.m. for active duty military only

Thursday, Oct. 29 and Thursday, Nov. 5, 1 to 3 p.m. for DOD Civilians and all beneficiaries. More dates may be established based on demand.

To schedule flu shots for military units contact Staff Sgt. Kirk Johnson, Preventive Medicine, at 410-278-1966.

For more information, contact Moore at 410-278-1773 or call the Influenza hotline at 410-306-3588.

Impact Aid survey letters to be distributed Oct. 30

Harford County Public Schools will distribute Impact Aid Survey letters to all students on Friday, Oct. 30. Each year the DOD provides funding (Impact Aid) to the school districts to assist in providing educational programs for the children of Soldiers and DOD Civilians.

In a letter to the workforce, APG Garrison Commander Col. James E. Davis urged all Team APG families – military and civilian – to complete the survey, as the amount of Impact Aid schools receive is directly related to the number of children identified by survey responses.

"This is a great opportunity to personally and positively contribute to the education of our children," Davis wrote.

For more information, contact Stacie Umbarger, the CYSS school liaison officer, at 410-278-2857 or stacie.e.umbarger.naf@mail.mil.

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Team APG Soldiers run 31st Army Ten-Miler

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**
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With toughness and vigor, 25 Soldiers from Aberdeen Proving Ground joined more than 35,000 runners in the 31st Army Ten-Miler race in Washington, D.C., Oct. 11.

Produced by the U.S. Army Military District of Washington, the Army Ten-Miler is the third largest ten mile race in the world. The mission of the Army Ten-Miler is to promote the Army, build esprit de corps, support fitness goals and enhance community relations. Proceeds raised go to Army Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (FMWR) programs for Soldiers and their families.

Byron Reasin, MWR sports program and facility manager, was the Team APG point of contact for the running teams, packet pickup service and Hooah tent. Reasin said 117 members of the APG community participated in the Ten-Miler, including 53 civilians.

“Every year we have more participation from the APG community and the teams are more competitive,” he said.

Planning for the annual race began with qualifying runs in August and culminated with festivities at the APG Hooah tent, Reasin said

He added that all runners received Team APG t-shirts and he thanked train-up coordinators Sgt. Alan Tobin of the 1st Area Medical Laboratory and Sgt. Jonathan Burris of the 3rd Air Defense Artillery (JLENS) for their assistance.

The race starts at the Pentagon in Arlington County, Virginia, crosses the Arlington Memorial Bridge and winds through the district. Along the route, bands play and crowds cheer runners past structures like the Washington Monument, Jefferson Memorial, the Air and Space Museum, the National Mall and the U.S. Capitol. They re-cross the Potomac River back to the Pentagon via I-395.

The Alpha Battery, 3rd Air Defense Artillery Regiment (JLENS), sent eight runners to Team APG, two of whom declared it was their first Army Ten-Miler, but not their last.

“I had a great time,” said Capt. Tarik Jones, battery commander. “I’ve always wanted to run in it but I was always either occupied with training or stationed overseas.”

Jones said he participated in the Navy/Air Force Half Marathon – held in Washington, D.C. Sept. 20 – as a “warm-up” to the race. He said he met a personal goal of 70 minutes or faster and he could have done better but the scenery and events along the route were too engaging.

“I chose instead to enjoy the scenery and relax at times because it was fun listening to all of the marching bands and seeing the posters that people were waving. Most of the time I was focused on maintaining my pace, but there were times – like when we ran past the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial, or the Washington Monument - that I was able to appreciate the beauty and history of the city. My time suffered a little bit, but it was worth it.”

On a scale of 1-10, Jones said, he’d rate the Army Ten-Miler a four compared to other life experiences.

“I have been blessed with the opportunity to compete in a lot of big events throughout my life,” he said. “But it was definitely a great experience and something that I will never forget. I hope to be able to race in several more before my body decides that I can’t do it anymore.”

“On behalf of the Soldiers of Alpha Battery, 3rd ADA, we are very grateful to Aberdeen Proving Ground for giving us the opportunity to represent this great installation at such a prestigious event,”



(Above) APG runners pose with Sergeant Major of the Army Daniel A. Dailey after the race. Clockwise from left, Sgt. Jonathan Burris, Capt. Tarik Jones, Sgt. Floyvin Yazzie, SMA Daniel A. Dailey, Sgt. James Howard, Sgt. Terryn Ross, Cpl. Keylee West, 1st Lt. Ethan Shafer, Pfc. Briar Roseboom, and Sgt. Minnina Smith)

Jones added. “We were able to meet the Sergeant Major of the Army, SMA Dailey, and be a part of a piece of Army culture that few Soldiers get the opportunity to experience.”

Sgt. Jonathan Burris, said it was his first run as well as his first attempt to make an Army Ten-Miler team.

“I’ve been overseas the majority of my military career so this was a rare opportunity for me,” he said. “I would say I completed my goal [and] I can’t wait to beat my time in the future.”

Burris called the run through the Washington, D.C. streets “amazing.”

“From the motivated crowds, to the thousands of people cheering us on with the amazing music and live bands, I could feel the community pushing me harder. It felt great,” he said.

“I would rate this achievement a 10,” he added. “Not too many people have that raw intestinal fortitude to just get up and run 10 miles nonstop. You really have to dig deep and not give up. I challenge everyone to try this [Army] Ten-Miler if the opportunity arises.”

Another first-time runner, Sgt. Terryn Ross, of Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, said she exceeded personal and team goals.

“I have always been a runner since high school but being able to complete the run after having two children was definitely a very high achievement for me,” she said, adding that “running through the streets of Washington D.C. was like being in a movie.”

“Being able to run with so much history around me was very inspiring. On a scale of 1 to 10, I would rate this achievement a 10. Even though, the training for the run was not easy, it is something I definitely will continue to do every year while stationed in this area. It was a great experience.”

ARNEWS writer Staff Sgt. Jennifer C. Johnson contributed to this article.



Capt. Tarik Jones from Alpha Battery, 3rd ADA Regiment, right, takes a selfie with APG runners from left, Sgt. Jonathan Burris, 1st Lt. Ethan Shafer and Sgt. James Howard before the start of the first heat.

APG ARMY TEN-MILER TEAM

Unofficial results from <http://www.armytenmiler.com/>

CSM William Bruns (CECOM) place: 2,430; net time 1:16:11
Sgt. Maj. Jamison Johnson (RDECOM) place: 5,099; net time 1:24:01
Maj. Wayne Blas (ATEC) place: 49; net time: 0:54:35
Maj. Bryan Nowak (20th CBRNE) place: 279; net time: 1:00:36
Capt. Raymon Cheng (48 CHEM BN) place: 1,683; net time 1:13:00
Capt. Tarik Jones (3 ADA) place: 1,213; net time 1:10:45
Capt. Alana Mack (48 CHEM BN) place: 5,230; 1:14:23
Capt. Andrew Owens (48 CHEM BN) place: 5,720; 1:25:27
1st Lt. Ethan Shafer (3 ADA) place: 2,693; net time 1:17:08
CW2 Jovanny Suarez (CECOM) place: 1,303; net time: 1:11:19
Sgt. 1st Class Eric Burkes (22 CHEM) place: 3,212; net time: 1:18:42
Sgt. Johnny Arias (22 CHEM) place: 3,172; net time: 1:18:34
Sgt. Travis Bradley (RDECOM) place: 1,187; net time: 1:10:32
Sgt. Jonathan Burris (3 ADA) place: 2,497; net time 1:16:26
Sgt. James Howard (3 ADA) place: 1,783; net time 1:13:33
Sgt. Stephen Murray (PHC) place: 4,151; net time: 1:21:31
Sgt. Terryn Ross (KUSAHC) place: 8,386; net time 1:30:45
Sgt. Jesus Santiago (48 CHEM BN) 2,885 place, net time 1:17:44
Sgt. Minnina Smith (3 ADA) place: 10,363; net time 1:34:26
Sgt. Alan Tobin (1st AML) place: 629; net time 1:06:04
Sgt. Floyvin Yazzie (3 ADA) place: 2,867; 1:17:40
Cpl. Keylee West (3 ADA) place: 12,447; net time 1:38:08
Spc. Andi Arnold (1st AML) place: 9,635; net time 1:33:05
Spc. Jean Tyler (22 CHEM BN) place 1,236; net time 1:10:54
Pfc. Briar Roseboom, (3 ADA) place: 12,602; net time 1:38:23

Red Ribbon Week to run Oct. 23-30

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**
APG News

The Army Substance Abuse Program will host events at designated areas around the installation during Red Ribbon Week, the oldest and largest drug prevention campaign in the country.

Robin Stokes, Employee Assistance Program manager, will distribute red ribbons and campaign information from displays set up at the APG North (Aberdeen) and South (Edgewood) Express stores and at designated organizations.

Red Ribbon Week serves as a platform for communities, groups and individuals to take a stand against illegal drugs and it commemorated the sacrifice of DEA Special Agent Enrique “Kiki” Camarena, who died at the hands of drug traffickers in Mexico in 1985.

Thursday, Oct. 29

The highlight of the week is a discussion by Craig and Lisa McLaughlin set for 10 to 11 a.m. in APG South and 2 to 3 p.m. in APG North, Oct. 29. The McLaughlins have raised four children during the 28 years they’ve lived in Harford County. Craig McLaughlin is the senior pastor at Mt. Zion Church in Bel Air. Their youngest daughter, Hannah, began abusing substances as a way to self-medicate when she was in middle school. Last year, Hannah died of a heroin overdose at the age of 19.

While sharing Hannah’s story, the McLaughlins discuss drug addiction and its effects on the family, how drugs affect the body, how to avoid addiction, and treatments for addiction.

“Everyone is invited to come listen to this eye-opening story about a situation that affects so many families,” Stoke said. “Maybe you will hear something that can keep it from happening in yours.”

Stokes will also visit designated organizations throughout the week to pass out red ribbons and spread the Red Ribbon Week theme, “Respect Yourself. Be Drug Free.”

For more information, contact Robin Stokes, Employee Assistance Program manager, at 410-278-5319 or email robin.stokes.civ@mail.mil.



Red Ribbon Week Activities

APG North (Aberdeen)

- Friday Oct. 23** - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., APG North (Aberdeen) Express
- Monday, Oct. 26** - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., APG North (Aberdeen) Express
- Tuesday, Oct. 27** - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., C4ISR campus
- Wednesday, Oct. 28** - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., ATEC
- Thursday, Oct. 29** - 10 a.m. to noon, C4ISR campus; 2 to 3 p.m., Guest speakers at Dickson Hall, Bldg. 3074.
- Friday, Oct. 30** - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., APG North Express

APG South (Edgewood)

- Friday, Oct. 23** - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Express
- Monday, Oct. 26** - 11 a.m. to 1 pm., Express
- Tuesday, Oct. 27** - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., designated organizations
- Wednesday, Oct. 28** - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Express
- Thursday, Oct. 29** - 10 to 11 a.m., Guest speakers, Bldg. E4810
- Friday, Oct. 30** - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Express

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Construction impacts temporary on APG South

By **STACY SMITH**
APG News

Construction of a new combined heat and power plant on APG South (Edgewood) has closed a popular walking path along Otto Road near the airfield, and according to Directorate of Public Works personnel, it will remain closed through the beginning of the new year.

The new CHP plant is scheduled to replace the Harford County Waste to Energy Plant, a municipal solid waste burning facility, sometime in 2016, and its construction will continue to cause minor delays, closures and detours on APG South, said Jeff Presgraves, DPW contracting officer representative for the project.

“There’s definitely going to be some times when there’ll be road closures or detours,” Presgraves said. He added that all traffic flow changes will be properly handled by the Directorate of Emergency Services, and road closures and traffic plans will be posted on APG social media sites.

Presgraves said that the construction area will stretch about 2,200 feet along Otto Road as the project installs new infrastructure to supplement the 10 mile loop.

“We’re going to be trenching along the road, so [construction is] going to be visible and we’re also going to be getting pipe deliveries and moving pipe into place, and so there’s going to be heavy equipment along that road,” said Devon Rock, APG installation energy manager.

Rock and Presgraves added that the usual traffic from trash trucks transporting waste out of Edgewood will dis-

The new combined heat and power plant on APG South (Edgewood) will be **24% more efficient** than the current boiler plant.

appear with the closing of the waste burning facility, a change that is likely to please many local Harford County residents.

Leftover waste from the burning facility will be directed to an alternative transfer station in Baltimore County.

New technology

According to Rock, the new plant will use CHP technology to co-generate steam and electric using a turbine similar to a jet engine. The turbine will generate electricity and burn natural gas for steam instead of burning solid waste. The steam, in turn, will generate APG’s heat, hot water, and humidity controls.

With the creation of the new plant, the installation will “have as much steam capacity as it’s losing from the waste to energy plant. But it will also generate half of Edgewood’s electric load, so it’s more efficient,” Rock said.

She noted that boiler steam produc-

tion works at a rate of 51 percent efficiency, from the burning process to energy output. A plant that uses CHP technology, however, works at a 75 percent fossil fuel efficiency, a 24 percent increase.

The Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority (NMWDA), which owns the old plant building, is currently negotiating with the government to determine if the building will stand or come down when the lease expires in three years.

Funding for the CHP construction project was provided by an Energy Savings Performance Contract (ESPC) and supplemented by a U.S. Department of Energy grant awarded to DPW.

Inquiries about the construction project should be directed to either Jeff Presgraves, at 410-306-1848 or jeffery.a.presgraves.civ@mail.mil; Barry Fahr at 443-206-4753 or barry.k.fahr@jci.com, or Devon Rock, at 410-306-1125 or devon.a.rust.civ@mail.mil.

Session explores breast cancer risk factors

Story and photo by
YVONNE JOHNSON
APG News

In line with Breast Cancer Awareness Month initiatives and the C4ISR Wellness Committee mission to provide trending information in overall wellness to members of Team APG, Dr. Atsuko Okabe reviewed Breast Cancer screening, diagnosis, and treatment options as well as preventive measures during an info session at the Myer Auditorium, Oct. 15.

A staff member at Medstar Franklin Square Breast Center, Okabe gave a detailed presentation that covered breast cancer facts and figures, benign and cancerous indicators of breast conditions, ductal carcinoma in situ, the most common type of non-invasive breast cancer and the stages of cancer including diagnosis and treatment. Okabe said 80 percent of biopsies are non-cancerous.

“A lump doesn’t always mean cancer,” she assured listeners.

Okabe focused on risk factors for all women and emphasized that “most women who get breast cancer have no risk factors.”

“If multiple family members have had breast cancer, that does increase the likelihood of you getting it, but someone with no history could be just as likely,” she said.

Key factors include personal history, family history, genetic alterations and breast changes, according to Okabe. Additional factors include race, estrogen exposure, late childbearing, radiation therapy, breast density, obesity after menopause, physical activity, alcohol consumption and smoking.

Okabe said tending to four of the factors – obesity, physical activity, alcohol consumption and smoking –



From left, Karen Thomas, Valerie Baginski and Kathryn Herhusky of Army Contracting Command-APG listen to a breast cancer awareness presentation by Dr. Atsuko Okabe in the Myer Auditorium Oct. 15.

greatly reduces chances of breast and other cancers.

“Estrogen comes from fatty tissue and gaining fat after menopause increases your risk,” she said. “Exercise is known to reduce cancer risks and studies show that as little as one-and-one-half to three hours of brisk walking make a big difference; inactivity is your enemy,” she said.

In addition, alcohol consumption has been linked to several cancers, including breast, mouth, liver and throat, and an American Cancer Society study found 73,388 women with breast cancer were also smokers she said.

Okabe recommended yearly mam-

mograms starting at age 40; clinical breast exams every three years from ages 20-39, then annually after 40; and monthly breast self-exams starting at age 20.

She said the value of self-exams cannot be overstated because women know their bodies better than health care providers they may only see once a year.

“Remember the breast self-exam motto: “Look for a change; feel for a change,” she said. “If you’re not sure how to self-exam get your health care provider to show you.”

Okabe said the most important information listeners could take away was to

keep up breast and clinical exams and to control the four factors.

“Pay attention to your body and take care of it,” she said.

Listeners said they attended the session to gain or reinforce information; some attended for personal reasons as well.

“I came to add to my awareness; I know survivors,” said Karen Thomas of the U.S. Army Contracting Command-APG, who attended with friends Valerie Baginski and Kathryn Herhusky, also of ACC-APG.

Baginski said she also hoped to gain information.

“I’m actually a patient [of the clinic] and my mother had cancer,” she said.

A breast cancer survivor, Herhusky added that she is cancer free, though she lost her mother and sister to breast cancer.

Larry Tyson, installation Voting Assistance Officer, said he’s been involved in breast cancer awareness events since he lost his sister to breast cancer several years ago.

“I plan to take the information they gave us today and share it in my church circular,” he said. “I’m just doing my part to alert more people. Men need to get more involved. It’s rare in men, but we all have mothers, wives, sisters, significant others or female friends we care about.”

Tyson said he plans to run in the 2015 Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure set for Oct. 25 in Hunt Valley, Maryland. For more information, visit <http://www.komenmd.org>.

Check the APG News and social media sites for future C4ISR Wellness Committee events or contact Tiffany Grimes, CECOM G1, at 443-861-7901 or tiffany.l.grimes.civ@mail.mil.

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SATURDAY OCTOBER 31

HALLELUJAH HARVEST

The post chapel will host the annual Hallelujah Harvest – a family fun night and Halloween alternative filled with games, food and prizes - 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the APG North (Aberdeen) post chapel. For more information, contact Joyce Wood at 410-278-4333.

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 6

MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

The 6th Annual APG Marine Corps Birthday Luncheon will be held noon to 1:30 p.m. at Ruggles Golf Course. All active, retired and veteran Marines, Fleet Marine Force Corpsman, DOD civilians and contractors who work on APG, their families, supporters and survivors are invited to come celebrate the 240th Marine Corps birthday. The two entrée buffet costs \$20 per person and the ceremony begins at noon.

RSVP to Craig.Reeling@MarylandMarines.org, call 443-477-0670 or visit www.Maryland-Marines.org. Once a Marine, always a Marine!

MONDAY NOVEMBER 9

VETERANS DAY THUNDER RIDE & OBSERVANCE

Team APG will honor all past and current veterans with a Thunder Ride, starting at 9 a.m. at Ruggles Golf Course. The ride will visit the post cemetery and end at the post theater, at which time the annual Veterans Day Observance will begin at 11 a.m.

Both the Thunder Ride and annual observance are open to Team APG service members, civilians, families and veterans. The program is hosted by the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command.

For more information about the Thunder Ride, contact Sgt. 1st Class Roman J. Pilkington II at 410-278-1339 or roman.j.pilkington2.mil@mail.mil.

For more information about the annual observance, contact Master Sgt. Linwood Parker at 443-861-9517 or linwood.parker.mil@mail.mil.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 12

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK OPEN HOUSE

Interested in pursuing or completing your degree? The APG Army Education Center will host an open house in observance of American Education Week, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the first floor lobby of Bldg. 4305.

Representatives and information will be available from:

University of Maryland University College; Harford County Community College, Central Michigan University, and Florida Institute of Technology.

For more information, contact Tressie Stout at 410-306-2042 or tressie.d.stout.civ@mail.mil.

meetings&conferences

SATURDAY OCTOBER 24

The Military Officers of America Association (MOAA) Susquehanna chapter will host its monthly meeting during the APG Oktoberfest from 5 to 9 p.m. Come join fellow MOAA members, or visit the MOAA tables to learn more about the chapter and the advantages of membership. The MOAA is open to commissioned officers of all the uniformed services. All are welcome to join MOAA during the APG Oktoberfest to enjoy the festivities and see what MOAA is all about.

Visit the MOAA Susquehanna Chapter webpage at www.susquehannamoaa.org.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 29

WOA MEETING

The U.S. Army Warrant Officer Association Aberdeen-Edgewood Silver Chapter will hold its quarterly meeting noon to 1 p.m. at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center, Bldg. 3326.

For information, contact retired CW4 Jesse Fields at 410-278-9673/908-956-3368; email jesse.p.fields.ctr@mail.mil or visit the Silver Chapter website at <http://www.apgwoa.org>.

RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

The next APG Restoration Advisory Board Meeting will be held at the Ramada Conference Center in Edgewood, Maryland from 7 to 9 p.m. Discussion topics will include remedial action and an operations update.

The RAB is also seeking volunteers to serve on the board. Members must be willing to serve a two-year term and attend six meetings throughout the year.

For more information, or to apply for RAB membership, call 410-436-7313 or 800-APG (274)-9998.

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 3 & 4

ARL OPEN CAMPUS OPEN

HOUSE

The U.S. Army Research Laboratory (ARL) will host an Open Campus Open House to provide members of the science and technology community an opportunity to:

- Learn about the ARL Open Campus business model
- Hear details of ARL strategic research areas
- Interface with ARL scientists and engineers to discover new opportunities for side-by-side collaboration
- Visit ARL specialized laboratory facilities
- Participate in technical presentations and poster sessions
- Meet one-on-one with some of the Army's leading researchers

Registration is ongoing and closes Oct. 19. No on-site registration will be offered. For more information, visit www.arlopen-campus2015.com

ARL has been a national leader in fundamental research for over 20 years. ARL research spans the spectrum from high strain rate mechanics and novel materials manufacturing, to cyber defense and advanced electronics, to atmospheric sciences and translational neuroscience. ARL's Open Campus business model is building an international science and technology ecosystem among government, academia, small business, industry, and entrepreneurs.

For more information about ARL Open Campus collaboration opportunities and the Open Campus Open House, visit www.arl.army.mil/opencampus.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 17

HOT TOPIC TRAINING FORUM

DAU will host the Hot Topic Training Forum, "Additive Manufacturing: What it is and how it impacts aerospace, medical and defense industries," 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the APG DAU facility, 6175 Guardian Gateway on Aberdeen Proving Ground.

The forum will seek to define additive manufacturing and types of additive manufacturing processes. It will explore the state of additive manufacturing technology and discuss what it has to offer us in the future. Attendees can expect to discover the strengths and limitations of additive manufacturing and current happenings in the field today.

The presenter will be Mark Vitale, specialist leader, Deloitte Consulting LLP. Vitale has over 25 years of consulting and industry experience assisting commercial sector and federal government clients across a wide range of initiatives including: operations strategy, additive manufacturing, maintenance operations, demand/supply planning, inventory management, distribution/logistics, sourcing/procurement, and performance based logistics.

Attendees can bring lunch to consume during the presentation.

This training forum provides 1.5 Continuous Learning Points. To register, contact Ben Metcalfe at benjamin.metcalfe@dau.mil or 410-272-9471 before Tuesday, Nov. 17.

ONGOING

BIBLE STUDY CLASS

The Religious Services Office hosts a new Soldier and Family Christian Fellowship Bible Study Class 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., every Tuesday at the APG North (Aberdeen) chapel. Free childcare is included. The class focuses on biblical fellowship and outreach and encouragement through prayer and is open to the entire APG community. For more information, call 410-278-4333.

health&resiliency

TUESDAY OCTOBER 27

DISASTER PLANNING TRAINING

In 2014, the Red Cross Chesapeake Region responded to more than 500 fire/storm incidents and assisted nearly 2,800 individuals. Disasters can affect you and your family at any time of day or night. The APG Community Health Promotion Council will host a Disaster Planning Training at the Myer Auditorium, Bldg. 6000, on the C4ISR campus from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The event is open to all installation personnel and will feature guest speaker Fran Goucher, Red Cross Chesapeake Region volunteer leader.

For more information, contact Gale Sauer at gale.m.sauer.ctr@mail.mil or 443-861-9260, or contact Tiffany Grimes at tiffany.l.grimes.civ@mail.mil or 443-861-7901.

OCTOBER 26-30

RED RIBBON WEEK EVENTS

The highlight of the 2015 Red Ribbon Week events on APG is a discussion by Lisa and Craig McLaughlin set for 2 to 3 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 29 at the Ball Conference Center, Bldg. 3074. Craig McLaughlin is the senior pastor at Mt. Zion Church in Bel Air. Their youngest daughter, Hannah, began abusing substances as a way to self-medicate when she was in middle school. Last year Hannah died of a heroin overdose at the age of 19.

While sharing Hannah's story, the McLaughlins discuss drug addiction and its effects on the family, how drugs affect the body, how to avoid addiction, and treatments for addiction.

Stokes also will visit designated organizations throughout the week to pass out red ribbons and information. Red Ribbon Week infor-

mation will be available on the following dates and locations:

APG North (Aberdeen)

- Friday Oct. 23 and Monday, Oct. 26: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., APG North Express
- Tuesday, Oct. 27: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., C4ISR campus
- Wednesday, Oct. 28: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., ATEC
- Thursday, Oct. 29: 10 a.m. to noon, C4ISR campus; 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., Guest speakers at Dickson Hall, Bldg. 3074.
- Friday, Oct. 30: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., APG North Express

APG South (Edgewood)

- Friday, Oct. 23 and Monday, Oct. 26, Wednesday Oct. 28 and Friday, Oct. 30: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., APG South Express

For more information, contact Robin Stokes, Employee Assistance Program manager, at 410-278-5319 or email robinstine.stokes.civ@mail.mil.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 29

ATEC HALLOWEEN 5K

The Army Test and Evaluation Command will host a Halloween 5K at 11:45 a.m., starting from the back of the ATEC headquarters, Bldg. 2202. Runners are encouraged to dress up.

A registration fee of \$5 is due at the start of the race. Each runner will receive a race bib.

The first three finishers will be awarded, along with the runner with the best costume. A raffle will also be available.

For more information, contact Capt. Ryan Barrett at 443-861-9876 or ryan.f.barrett.mil@mail.mil.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 3

HEALTHY HOLIDAYS SESSION

The holidays are right around the corner. The C4ISR Wellness Committee will host a Healthy Holidays into the New Year Informational Session on staying healthy over the holidays 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Bldg. 6001, second floor, room 224. Topics include holiday food swaps, managing holiday stress, and exercises to help maintain fitness goals.

The session is open to government civilians, contractors, and military. Non-C4ISR employees must register with a Visitor Request Form Oct. 26. Please do not put your social security number on the form. Registered visitors should be in the lobby of Bldg. 6001 at 11:15am to be escorted to the training room.

Contractors must not invoice government contracts for time spent at these activities.

For more information, contact Tiffany Grimes, CECOM G1, at 443-861-7901 or tiffany.l.grimes.civ@mail.mil.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 5

HEALTH FAIR

The Army Test and Evaluation Command will host the installation 2015 Health Fair 9 a.m. to noon at Bldg. 2202, ATEC headquarters. The event includes more than 30 county and state health care vendors and giveaways. Free flu vaccination will be available 10 a.m. to noon. Scheduled events include a Walk/Run rally starting 6:15 a.m. and the following information/exercise sessions:

- Transcendental meditation, 11 to 11:30 a.m.
- Improving Your Self Talk: Enhancing self-image & confidence, 11:30 a.m. to noon
- Women's personal health specialist, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Holy Yoga, noon to 1 p.m.
- Xtend Barre, noon to 1 p.m.
- For more information, contact Gale Sauer, ATEC health and wellness coordinator, at 443-861-9260 or gale.m.sauer.ctr@mail.mil

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 12

DIABETES & LUNG CANCER INFO SESSION

The C4ISR Wellness Committee will host a Diabetes and Lung Cancer Info Session 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Myer Auditorium, Bldg. 6000. Representatives from the American Diabetes Association and Medstar Franklin Square Breast Center in Bel Air will give presentations on the signs, causes, treatments, and preventive measures, as well as healthy lifestyle, diet and exercise tips.

The session is open to government civilians, contractors, and military. Contractors must not invoice government contracts for time spent at these activities.

For more information, contact Tiffany Grimes, CECOM G1, at 443-861-7901 or tiffany.l.grimes.civ@mail.mil.

family&children

FRIDAY OCTOBER 30

ZOMBIE RUN & TRUNK OR TREAT

The Army Performance Triad team, Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic and the Aberdeen V.F.W. will host a Zombie Run and Trunk or Treat. The APG Healthy Kids 2K Zombie Run will begin 5:30 p.m., followed by the Adult (age 14+) 5K Zombie Run at 6 p.m. Both starting at the BOSS building next to the

APG Exchange parking lot. The 2K run route ends at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, where a "Trunk or Treat" will take place hosted by the Aberdeen V.F.W.

For more information, contact Capt. Joanna Moore at joanna.t.moore.mil@mail.mil or Sgt. 1st Class Marquis Turner at marquis.d.turner.mil@mail.mil.

WEEKENDS OCTOBER 16-31

VALLEY OF THE HAUNTED

The Boys & Girls Club of Harford County will host a bone-chilling Valley of the Haunted Halloween attraction in the woods of northern Harford County each weekend, starting Oct. 16, through Halloween.

With the assistance of the Harford County Office of Economic Development, Valley of the Haunted will crawl with flesh-hungry zombies, maniacal clowns, and more, all led by the twisted mind of one little boy who lived on the property over 200 years ago.

Valley of the Haunted is open to adults and children 10-years-old and above. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Little Haunts activities are also planned for younger children, including trick or treating, pumpkin painting, costume contests and more.

Valley of the Haunted is a one-mile haunted walking trail at Camp Hidden Valley in White Hall, Maryland. It is open, Oct. 16-18, 23-25, 30 and 31, 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Sunday. Little Haunt Sundays are planned for Oct. 18 and 25, 2 to 6 p.m.

For more information, visit <http://www.valleyofthehaunted.com/> or contact Teri O'Neal at 410-836-7180 or teri@abrightide-aonline.com.

miscellaneous

ONGOING

FIREWOOD AVAILABLE FOR SALE

Firewood is available at a cost of \$20 per level standard 8-foot pick-up truck, \$15 per level standard 6-foot pick-up truck, and \$5 per car trunk load. Permits to buy wood are good for ten days, or until an order is filled, whichever comes first. Permits will be issued 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on a first-come-first-served basis at APG South (Edgewood) in Bldg. E4630, Monday through Thursday. For more information, contact Scott English at 410-436-9804 or Kathy Thisse at 410-436-8789.

ONGOING

THROUGH 2015

RETIRING SOON? UNCLE SAM WANTS TO THANK YOU!

Are you an APG Soldier or civilian nearing retirement from government service? Consider participating in the monthly Installation Retirement Ceremony.

The APG Garrison hosts the event the fourth Thursday of each month –except November – and the first Thursday in December, at the Dickson Hall (Ball Conference Center).

Much goes into the planning for these events. Event planners set up flag displays, write speeches, print programs, provide sound equipment and photography support and even create photo DVDs for each retiree.

Also, awards and decorations are presented to retirees and their spouses.

All Soldiers and civilians are eligible to participate in the Installation Retirement Ceremony regardless of unit or organization.

This is a program designed to thank retiring personnel for their loyalty and perseverance and for the sacrifices they endured while serving the nation.

Retirees are encouraged to participate and to share this day with family members and friends.

After all, Uncle Sam wants to thank you. Don't you think you've earned it?

For more information, contact Lisa M. Waldon, Garrison Training Operations Officer, at 410-278-4353 or email lisa.m.waldon.civ@mail.mil.

ONGOING

NEW HOURS FOR WEEKDAY MASS

The hours of weekday Mass have changed to the following:

At the APG North (Aberdeen) chapel, Mass is celebrated 11:45 Monday, Tuesday and Friday in the main sanctuary; Thursday in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

On first Fridays at the APG North (Aberdeen) chapel, Mass begins 11 a.m. with Holy Hour with exposition of the blessed sacrament, meditation and confessions prior to the 11:45 a.m. Mass.

At the APG South (Edgewood) chapel, Wednesday Mass will be celebrated at noon followed by confession.

For more information, contact the Religious Support Administrative Office at 410-278-4333.

MORE ONLINE

More events can be seen at www.TeamAPG.com



Harvested trees yield firewood

DPW

The APG Directorate of Public works is in the process of removing hazard and dead trees in and around the Aberdeen North and South cantonment areas. Recognized as a Tree City USA for the past 9 years, APG is continuously maintaining its forest resources, which includes the urban forest canopy. According to Scott English, Directorate of Public Word for-ester, as trees continue to grow and age, they become more susceptible to insects, disease and stress, all of which lead to hazard tree situations.

“When these safety hazard trees are identified, the APG DPW coordinates their removal and transport to the fire-wood areas,” he said.

The APG North (Aberdeen) firewood location is near Powder Loop while the APG South (Edgewood) firewood loca-tion is off of Igloo Road. English said the wood in these areas is typically in log form and is available for purchase in truck or trailer load with a permit.

“One hundred percent of the firewood

permit proceeds are returned to Army forest management here at APG and at other Army Garrisons around the United States,” English said. He added that APG has one of the Army’s most robust and active environmental protection and resto-ration programs and has been recognized by the Department of Defense, other fed-eral and state agencies and private organi-zations for its leadership and innovation in protection, restoration, conservation and environmental management.

Firewood available

Firewood is available at a cost of \$20 per level standard 8-foot pick-up truck, \$15 per level standard 6-foot pick-up truck, and \$5 per car trunk load. Permits to buy wood are good for ten days, or until an order is filled, whichever comes first. Permits will be issued 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on a first-come-first-served basis at APG South in Bldg. E4630, Monday through Thursday. For more informa-tion, contact English at 410-436-9804 or Kathy Thisse at 410-436-8789.

New law requires some TRICARE prescriptions to be filled via mail or military pharmacy

TRICARE

As of Oct. 1, a new law requires all TRICARE beneficiaries, except active-duty service members, to get select brand name “maintenance drugs” through either TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery or from a military pharmacy. Beneficiaries who contin-ue using retail pharmacies to fill their prescriptions will have to pay the full cost.

Maintenance drugs are those taken regularly for a long time, such as drugs to control blood pressure or cholesterol. The law does not apply to drugs taken for short periods of time, like antibiotics, or generic drugs. Beneficiaries living overseas, or with other prescription drug coverage, are not affected.

The TRICARE pharmacy contractor, Express Scripts, is send-ing a letter to beneficiaries who take the affected drugs, explain-ing their options. Beneficiaries should contact Express Scripts at 877-363-1303 to see if the law impacts them.

Beneficiaries continuing to fill affected drugs at retail phar-macies will receive a letter informing them of the change to the benefit and they will have one final “courtesy” fill with a retail pharmacy. After that, they will have to pay 100 percent of the cost of their medication for subsequent refills.

For more information about this change to TRICARE pharma-cy benefits, visit **www.tricare.mil/RxNewRules**.

Army unveils supercomputer at APG

Excalibur world’s
19th most
powerful
supercomputer

By **DAN LAFONTAINE**
RDECOM

The U.S. Army introduced its newest supercomputer, Excalibur, which will help to ensure Soldiers have the technological advantage on the battlefield, officials said.

The Excalibur is the 19th most powerful computer in the world. About 50 officials gathered for a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the U.S. Army Research Laboratory Department of Defense Supercomputing Resource Center.

Increased computational capabilities will allow researchers to bring improved communications, data and intelligence to Soldiers in the field, said Maj. Gen. John F. Wharton, commanding general of the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command.

“The Army Operating Concept discusses innovation and accelerating the speed of technology. The Excalibur will allow us to do that,” he said. “You will set the standard for our nation and armed forces as we work into the future.

“The capability you give is decisive overmatch for our Army. It gives our Soldiers an advantage when we can tie the tactical network to instantly get data back to the field.”

While the Excalibur and other super-



Photo by Conrad Johnson

Army and Department of Defense officials gather at the U.S. Army Research Laboratory DOD Supercomputing Resource Center for the Excalibur supercomputer ribbon-cutting ceremony at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Oct. 16.

computers are housed at an Army installation, all military services conduct research at the supercomputing facilities.

The Army has nearly 70 years of computing excellence and innovation, dating back to the ENIAC, said ARL Director Dr. Thomas Russell.

The DOD must continue to invest in computing infrastructure with projects such as Excalibur for the United States to remain at the cutting edge, Russell said.

“ARL has a distinguished history as a national leader in scientific computing. It’s been a driving force behind our armed forces’ success on many battle-

fields,” he said. “Excalibur marks the next step.

“We must continue to expand this capability. Our computational resources give us the capabilities for the future of the Army. It gives us tools for 2040 and beyond.”

More powerful computers will allow the DOD research community to develop solutions to the most difficult technological challenges, said Dr. Raju Namburu, director of ARL DOD Supercomputing Resource Center.

“Excalibur has quickly become one of the most highly demanded and utilized supercomputers in the Department

of Defense research community,” Namburu said.

Researchers will use the Excalibur to study underbody blasts on combat vehicles, protection of Soldiers in extreme ballistic environments, tactical networks, cybersecurity network modeling, and real-time data analytics.

Russell said the Excalibur will improve every military scientific and engineering domain.

“Computational science feeds into all our areas of research,” Russell said. “Here we are today with computing capability far exceeding anything anyone of us would have ever imagined.”

Legally Speaking

Client Services Division – at your service

By **SANDI WILLIAMS**
Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

The APG Office of the Staff Judge Advocate Client Services Division (CSD) is a consolidated legal office offering a wide variety of free legal services for active-duty service members, retirees and their families.

Services are provided through the division’s legal/tax assistance, claims, and real estate reimbursement review offices. The division also provides special victim counsel to Soldiers and family members who are victims of sexual assault in conjunction with the installation SHARP Resource Center.

Under limited circumstances, some legal services are offered to civilian employees and reserve service members.

Located in Bldg. 4305, room 317, the office telephonic and walk-in customer service hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The division maintains a detailed phone prompt which provides customers specific information about the nature of services provided. Customers who experience difficulty getting through to division staff should visit during regular customer service hours.

Legal/Tax Assistance Office APG staff: one attorney, one paralegal

Legal assistance is a customer-oriented service of the Army’s Judge Advocate General’s (JAG) Corps that resolves clients’ personal legal problems. Resolution may range from giving general advice on a matter and referring the client to a private attorney or agency, to preparing legal documents (i.e., correspondence with a debt collector) or negotiating with opposing counsel on a client’s behalf.

As a general rule, legal assistance attorneys advise clients on personal civil legal matters including wills, powers of attorney, contracts, leases, taxes, enlisted/officer evaluations, financial problems and domestic relations matters. Most powers of attorney and notarizations are available on a walk-in basis during normal operating hours.

Every Tuesday, the division offers walk-in attorney visits, starting at 9 a.m. No appointment is necessary on walk-in day, and clients are served on a first come, first served basis.

On all other days of operation, attorney consultations are scheduled by appointment.

Emergencies, such as mobilizations, a summons or court order requiring an immediate response, lease reviews, med-

ical emergencies, etc., are assisted on a walk-in basis. Home or hospital visits may be arranged for clients with serious physical disabilities.

The CSD provides limited services to civilian employees who are charged for loss or damage to government equipment (financial liability investigations) and those civilian employees designated to accompany the forces to contingency operations. Reserve Component Soldiers on active-duty orders for more than 30 days may also be provided assistance.

The annual installation income tax program operates between February and April each year. Services provided are for the preparation of simple federal and state tax returns by appointment only. During the off-season, tax personnel continue to answer simple tax questions and provide the preparation of simple tax returns, to include tax preparation assistance to service members returning from combat zones and contingency operations or amendments to returns previously prepared by the CSD tax personnel.

Real Estate Reimbursement Review Office APG staff: one attorney

Requests for reimbursements for certain expenses associated with the sale or purchase of a home or early termination of a lease pursuant to an authorized permanent change of station (PCS) move for civilian employees are submitted through the AMRDEC Safe Access File Exchange (SAFE) System at <https://safe.amrdec.army.mil/safe/> to the legal inbox at usarmy.APG.usag.mbx.legal-assistance@mail.mil.

The CSD performs a legal review for the command’s approval authority to ensure expenses are reasonable in amount and customarily paid by the seller or buyer in the residence locality and determine whether there is a specific basis to reimburse the requested expense under appropriate regulations and law.

Claims Office APG staff: one attorney, one paralegal, and two claims examiners

Claims personnel process and assert a variety of claims for loss or damage to property. The most common types of claims filed with this office are the following:

Personnel Claims

The Personnel Claims Act authorizes the payment of Soldier and DA civilian employee claims for the fair market value of personal property lost, damaged, or destroyed incident to service. The most common claims are those related

to government-sponsored transportation losses (household goods and hold baggage) and damage/loss to personal property due to fire, flood, theft, vandalism, and/or unusual events that occurred incident to service.

To file a personnel claim (household goods shipment; POV shipment; barrack theft; or other personnel property loss) incident to service with the Army, one must file a claim using the Personnel Claims Army Information Management System (PCLAIMS) located online at <https://www.jagcnet4.army.mil/pclaims>.

Tort Claims

Tort claims personnel receive, investigate and settle claims filed against the United States under the Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA) and the Military Claims Act by individuals who suffered a loss or damage as a result of a government employee’s negligent act while in the scope of his employment with the U.S. government.

The FTCA requires the filing of an administrative claim (using SF Form 95, Tort Claim for Damage, Injury or Death), signed and demanding a sum certain, with the appropriate agency within two years of the incident. Once the claim is filed, the claimant must wait to file suit in federal court until either six months have elapsed since the date of filing, a final offer is issued, or the claim is denied, whichever comes first.

Article 139 Claims

Article 139 Claims are administrative claims made against military personnel only for loss of, or damage to, real or personal property that has been willfully damaged or wrongfully taken. Claims for death or personal injury, subrogated claims, and claims founded in negligence or breach of a contractual or fiduciary relationship are excluded. All claims under this chapter must be presented to an Army claims office within 90 days of the incident.

Claims initiated by this office

Carrier Recovery Claims and Affirmative Claims are the most common types of claims initiated by this office.

Carrier Recovery claims personnel are responsible for administering the U.S. Army Claims Service’s household good recovery program. The purpose of the program is to pursue affirmative claims against carriers, warehousemen, or other third parties responsible for loss or damage occurring during the storage or transport of household goods, and other personal property. Recovery from the carrier is based primarily on the car-

rier’s contractual responsibility to deliver, in satisfactory condition, the property shipped.

Affirmative claims personnel initiate action to recover the cost of medical care provided by Military Treatment Facilities and/or paid for by TRICARE to eligible recipients (i.e. Soldiers, family members, and retirees) on account of injury or disease incurred under the circumstances creating tort liability upon some third person. This includes the costs incurred by the U.S. as a result of car accidents, slip and falls, medical malpractice, or any other incident where a service member was injured due to the negligence of a third party. Affirmative claims personnel also recover the cost of property damage or loss to U.S. government property from responsible third parties.

Special Victim Counsel Services APG staff: one attorney

Soldiers and family members who believe they have been sexually assaulted should contact the installation Sexual Harassment/Assault Program Resource Center’s 24 hour hotline at 410-322-7175. SHARP Resource Center staff will assist those eligible with requesting the appointment of a special victim counsel.

Legally Speaking

The CSD is committed to providing first-class, professional legal services. Part of that commitment includes educating clients about legal issues that may affect them. Legally Speaking is designed to be a column that deals with time sensitive legal assistance and claims issues important to the APG community.

During the coming months, check the APG News for informative articles on various topics such as claims, taxes, consumer rights, estate planning, military specific topics and more. The CSD also encourages the APG community to attend the on-post quarterly Preventive Law Series presentations featuring the aforementioned topics and hosted by the CSD. Information regarding location, dates and times of the quarterly presentations as well as the presentation slides are posted on the CSD webpage at www.teamapg.com, installation support, support offices, installation legal office (click on the external website link).

Contact Information

For more information, or assistance with any of the legal services offered by the CSD, visit Bldg. 4305, room 317, or call 410-278-1583, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Thursday.



ALL THINGS MARYLAND

Geppi's Entertainment Museum

A nostalgic experience in downtown Baltimore

Story and photos by **RACHEL PONDER**
APG News

Take a journey through 250 years of American pop culture at the Geppi's Entertainment Museum (GEM) in downtown Baltimore.

Located at the historic Camden Station, GEM is home to more than 6,000 pop culture artifacts including toys, dolls, games, photos and other memorabilia dating from the 1800s to present day.

"It is an incredible museum for reliving bits and pieces of your past," said Michael Solof, GEM collections and exhibits manager.

The museum opened in 2006 and is owned by Baltimore native Stephen A. Geppi, the president of Diamond Comic Distributors, the largest distributor of English language comic books in the world.

Near the entrance of GEM, the "A Story in Four Colors" gallery has a library of 1,000 rare comic books.

"It is like a museum within a museum," Solof said.

The "A Story in Four Colors" collection includes the first comic book featuring Superman, "Action Comics #1," dated June 1938 and the comic book with the first appearance of Batman, titled, "Detective Comics #27," dated May 1939.

"Together those comic books are worth \$5 million," Solof said.

In addition, visitors can read digital versions of these and other rare, valuable comics.

The museum also features six interactive galleries with memorabilia from different time periods.

For example, the "Expanding Universe" gallery features artifacts from 1971 to 1990. Memorabilia includes items from iconic movies like "Star Wars," "E.T." and "Ghostbusters."

Visitors to GEM can also learn more about Baltimore's pop culture icons in the "Baltimore Heroes" gallery. Collectables from outspoken movie director and screenwriter John Waters and famed musicians like Frank Zappa, Billie Holiday and Joan Jett are displayed here.

In addition to the permanent collection, GEM has temporary special exhibits. The gallery, "75 Spirited Years: Will Eisner & The Spirit" opened last month. This exhibit will be displayed until March 7, 2016, and includes more than 50 pieces of Eisner's rare original artwork.

"He was the father of the graphic novel," Solof said of Eisner, a cartoonist who is best known for creating a fictional masked crime fighter called The Spirit.

Maryland resident Frank Cho, a comic book writer and illustrator, is also spotlighted in the "A Story in Four Colors" gallery until Jan. 23, 2016.

Cho is best known for his comic strip and book "Liberty Meadows," and has worked for Marvel Comics.

GEM is located at 310 W. Camden Street, Baltimore, Maryland. It is open Tuesday-Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Admission is \$10 for adults, \$7 for students, ages 5 to 18. Children under 4 receive free admission.

For more information call 410-625-7060 or visit www.geppismuseum.com/, or search "Geppi's Entertainment Museum."



The Geppi's Entertainment Museum (GEM) in downtown Baltimore is home to more than 6,000 pop culture artifacts including toys, comics, dolls, games, photos and other memorabilia dating from the 1800s to present day. (Clockwise from top left)

A vintage Midge doll. Mattel introduced Midge as Barbie's best friend in 1963.

This hanging Superman statue was a gift to GEM from DC Comics.

The Lone Ranger Game was a popular board game produced by Parker Brothers in 1938.

Vinyl dolls of the Beatles bandmates John Lennon, Paul McCartney, George Harrison and Ringo Starr are part of the music display in the GEM "Revolution" gallery.

Greene chapter named AUSA Best Chapter

By **AMANDA ROMINIECKI**
APG News

The local chapter of the Association of the United States Army, the Maj. Gen. Harold J. "Harry" Greene, Aberdeen Chapter, was recently awarded the AUSA Best Chapter award within its membership category during the 2015 AUSA Annual Meeting and Exposition in Washington, D.C., Oct. 12.

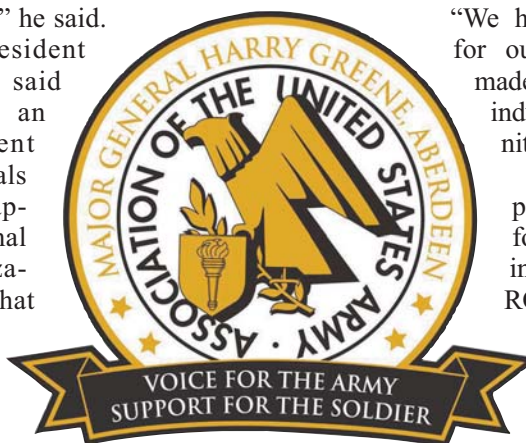
According to John Davies, regional activities director for AUSA, the Best Chapter award is presented a chapter in each of five categories defined by the membership goal of the chapter.

"The MG Harry Greene, Aberdeen Chapter competes with 45 other chapters in the category of chapters with a goal between 250 and 500 members. Chapters receive points for conducting activities throughout the year which support the military as well as the civil-

ian communities," he said.

Chapter President Tamera Rush said the award is an acknowledgement of exceeding goals set for the chapter by the national AUSA organization. She added that the Aberdeen Chapter is unique in that it has fewer service members to support than installations with larger troop numbers.

"We have worked very closely with the senior leadership of APG – they have been exceptionally supportive, [and] we strive to very collaborative with other professional organizations," she said.



"We have a great board for our AUSA chapter, made up of government, industry and community leaders."

Davies added that points are awarded for assisting Recruiting Command and ROTC; projects such as the Vietnam Commemoration Program, Army Birthday and Army history events; and engaging elected officials at all levels of government to tell the Army story and advocate on behalf of the serving, veteran and retiree communities.

"Highly successful chapters attract and retain members who see the value in

these programs and the positive impact they have on and off the installation. Best chapters, regardless of their size, all share several characteristics: they are advocates for a strong Army, and they work tirelessly on behalf of Soldiers and those who support them," he said.

The Aberdeen AUSA chapter was renamed the Maj. Gen. Harry Greene, Aberdeen Chapter in honor of the late major general who was killed in action in 2014. Greene had several ties to APG, including past assignments as the deputy commanding general for the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command from May 2009 to May 2011 and the Program Executive Officer, Intelligence, Electronic Warfare and Sensors from May 2011 to 2012.

"It's a great feeling to know [that] what we do, we do in his name," Rush said. "He meant a great deal to our chapter."



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Upcoming Activities



APG OKTOBERFEST OCT. 23-24

Team APG will host the third annual Oktoberfest open to the entire community Friday & Saturday Oct. 23-24.

The event is family-friendly and will include German food, music, live entertainment, kids activities and more!

Activities include:

- Festhalle with live entertainment
- Volksmarch
- Car and bike show
- Fireworks
- Childrens activities & amusements
- Main Street Marketplace
- German food and beverages

For more information, visit www.apgmwr.com/2015-oktoberfest.

LEISURE & TRAVEL MARVELS UNIVERSE LIVE DEC. 11-13

Marvel fans, assemble! Watch your favorite Marvel Super Heroes including Spider-Man, Iron Man and Hulk and threatening villains come to life in an action-packed arena extravaganza. You'll definitely feel the energy-with cutting-edge special effects, pyrotechnics, aerial stunts, martial arts, motorcycles and more, it's being hailed as the most technically advanced live show ever. Join Marvel fans of all ages for this once-in-a-lifetime, monumental performance. The fate of the universe depends on it!

All tickets, while supply lasts, are \$25 and available for the following dates and times:

- Friday, Dec. 11 at 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 12 at 11 a.m., 3 p.m., and 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 13 at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.

To purchase tickets, visit MWR Leisure Travel Services at the AA Recreation Center, BLDG 3326.

For more information, contact the Leisure Travel Office at 410-278-4011/4907 or email usarmy.apg.imcom.list.apgr-usag-mwr-leisuretravel.

CHILD & YOUTH SERVICES CIZE LIVE TUESDAYS, THROUGH NOV. 24

CIZE™ LIVE is professional dance for

everyday people! Learn the hottest professionally-choreographed dance routines, step by step. From your first class, you'll be bustin' out moves you can take anywhere! It's so much fun, so exciting, you'll forget you're actually working out!

Class will be held at the APG North (Aberdeen) youth center, Bldg. 2522, from 6 to 7 p.m. each Tuesday, Oct. 13 through Nov. 24. Open to children ages 7 and up, the cost is \$49 for the seven-week session, or at an \$8 drop-in rate for CYSS members.

To register, call 410-278-7571/7479.

MINI INDOOR SOCCER REGISTRATION THROUGH NOV. 2

Registration for the upcoming Mini Indoor Soccer league will open Oct. 15 at Bldg. 2503. Registration will run through Nov. 2, and space is limited to 40 children.

Games will be held at the APG South (Edgewood) youth center, Bldg. E1902. Games begin Nov. 3 and will be held each Tuesday through Dec. 8 at 5:45 or 6:30 p.m.

Mini Indoor Soccer is open to girls and boys, ages 4-6. Children must be 4-years-old by Nov. 1. The cost is \$20 per child. A sports physical is required to play and tennis shoes or indoor soccer shoes must be worn, along with shin guards.

For more information, contact Bill Kegley at william.m.kegley3.naf@mail.mil or call 410-306-2297.

LET'S COOK OCT. 24 NOV. 14 DEC. 12

International cooking class will teach children different skills to prepare foods from different places around the world. The children will learn about sanitation and kitchen safety. They will also be taught different recipes that require little help from their parents. Children will learn to cook up to 3 dishes including a main dish and a dessert.

Each class, open to children ages 7 and up, will be held at the Corvias Bayside Community Center, 2658 Chesapeake Ave., 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is a \$17 supply fee, per class.

For more information, contact Shirelle Womack at shirelle.j.womack.naf@mail.mil or call 410-278-4589.

PRE-SCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN CHILD CARE OPENINGS

Child, Youth and School Services (CYSS) at Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG) offer Active Duty military, DOD Civilians, and DOD Contractors a comprehensive program to assist with full-day child care needs.

The Aberdeen CDC has immediate full-time child care openings at their facility for children ages 3 and 4 years old in need of full-time care and children attending Kindergarten that need Before & After School Care.

Through Teaching Strategies Creative Curriculum and TS Gold, our installation helps children work with their strengths, interests, and each other, to feel good about themselves, and to grow as individuals. Activities are offered in the areas of oral language, social/emotional, physical, cogni-

tive, literacy, mathematics, science & technology, social studies, arts and English language acquisition. Sign up your child today!

Participants must be registered with Parent Central Office. Fees are based on total family income.

For additional information contact Parent Central Office at (410) 278-7479 or (410) 278-7571.

SPORTS & RECREATION CUSTOMER APPRECIATION FALL GOLF OUTING OCT. 31

Ruggles Golf Course will host a Customer Appreciation 4-person scramble fall golf outing Oct. 31. Registration will begin at 11:30 a.m., with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. There will be on-course games and prizes. Cost is \$50 for a regular patron, \$40 for an annual patron. Cost includes course food and four beverage stations.

For more information, or to register, call the Ruggles Pro Shop at 410-278-4794.

VETERANS DAY SCRAMBLE NOV. 11

Ruggles Golf Course will host a Veterans Day 4-person scramble golf tournament. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. with a 10 a.m. shotgun start. There will be special contests for all veterans and prizes for the low veteran's teams. Cost is \$60 for a regular patron, \$45 for an annual patron. Lunch and awards will follow the tournament.

For more information, or to register, call the Ruggles Pro Shop at 410-278-4794.

ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE CREDIT & DEBT MANAGEMENT OCT. 29

ACS will host a class on the advantages and disadvantages of using credit, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Bldg. 2503. Topics include: how to choose and apply for credit cards and installment loans and how to responsibly manage these accounts will be discussed.

This class will address how to establish a credit record, protect your credit history and correct credit report mistakes. Options available to manage and reduce debt also will be discussed. The class is in partnership with the ACS Financial Readiness Program and Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Credit Union.

Registration is required; to reserve a seat call ACS at 410-278-9669/7572.

APPLYING FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT NOV. 9

ACS will host an "Applying for Federal Employment" workshop, exploring the 10 steps to federal employment. Seating is limited to 30 individuals. Participants are encouraged to bring their lunch.

Registration is required. Visit www.mwe-jobs.maryland.gov; create a user account;

go to events calendar on left-hand side; move forward to appropriate date; click on "APG How to Apply for Federal Jobs"; Click register.

IDENTITY THEFT DEC. 3

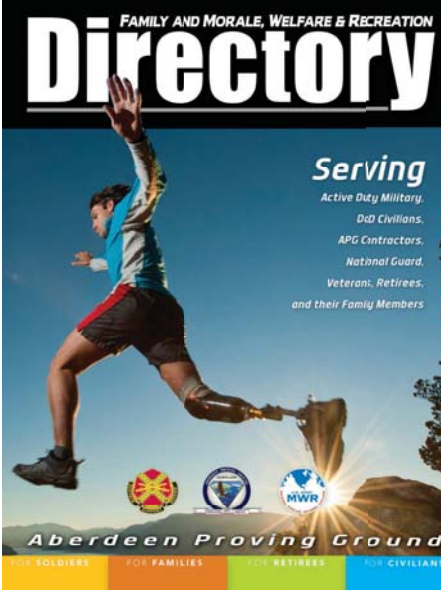
ACS will host a course discussing what ID theft is, how thieves steal your ID, and what you can do to deter, detect and defend against identity theft, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Bldg. 2503. The class will also explain the different classifications of ID theft and how you can safeguard your information.

To reserve a seat call ACS at 410-278-9669/7572.

CREDIT FINESSE DEC. 10

ACS will host a course identifying ways to properly use and build credit, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Bldg. 2503. The course will also explain good credit practices; identify measures to protect your credit; explain what is in a credit report; pinpoint credit report information used in forming your credit score; identify security measures to protect from identity theft; and identify ways to maintain a good credit report. The course is held in partnership with ACS Financial Readiness Program and Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Credit Union

To reserve a seat call ACS at 410-278-7572/9669.



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CAR SHOW

Parking Lot, Directly behind Olympic Pool between Springfield st. and Erie st. on Susquehanna Ave.

October 24, 9 AM to 3 PM

Presented in conjunction with APG Oktoberfest also offering other entertainment like Volksmarch, German food and beer, Carnival/Games and Festhalle with live entertainment.

Pre Registration (before Oct 3): \$10
Registration at the Gate: \$15

Dash Plaques will be awarded to the first 100 vehicles to arrive!

Event held outside Rain or Shine

To register or for more information visit MWR Leisure Travel Services at the AA Recreation Center, BLDG 3326. For questions call 410-278-4011/4907 or email us at APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil

www.apgmwr.com/oktoberfest.html

Volksmarch

October 24

Volksmarch: 11 a.m. – UTC

Route starts/finishes at the Athletic Center

Route walk/Run distance is a 5K.

For more info call: 410-278-4011

Register online: www.apgmwr.com

Event day registration: 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

APG Child Youth and School Services

2015-2016 school year fee charts

School Year 15-16 Child Development Centers Monthly Fee Chart – 2 Week Vacation Option						
(As of Sept. 2015)						
Total Family Income Categories		Full Day	Part Day	Part Day Pre-School		
				5 Day/3 hr	3 Day/3 Hr	2 Day/ 3 Hr
Cat 1	\$0 – 30,771	\$252	\$176	\$114	\$68	\$46
Cat 2	\$30-772 – 37,962	\$318	\$222	\$144	\$86	\$58
Cat 3	\$37,963 – 48,352	\$386	\$272	\$174	\$104	\$70
Cat 4	\$48,353 – 60,439	\$452	\$316	\$204	\$122	\$82
Cat 5	\$60,440 – 76,924	\$522	\$366	\$234	\$140	\$94
Cat 6	\$76,925 – 88,960	\$564	\$396	\$254	\$152	\$102
Cat 7	\$88, 961 – 104, 658	\$586	\$410	\$264	\$158	\$106
Cat 8	\$104, 659 – 130,868	\$608	\$426	\$274	\$164	\$110
Cat 9	\$130, 869+	\$630	\$442	\$284	\$170	\$114
Cat 9A*	\$130, 869+	\$896	\$628	\$404	\$242	\$162
Standard Hourly Rate: \$4.00 (Multiple child reductions and total family income do not apply to hourly care)						
Patrons who do not disclose financial information pay Category 9 fees.						
*CAT 9A includes Cat 9 DOD Contractors						

School Year 15-16 Child Development Centers Monthly Fee Chart – 4 Week Vacation Option						
(As of Sept. 2015)						
Total Family Income Categories		Full Day	Part Day	Part Day Pre-School		
				5 Day/3 hr	3 Day/3 Hr	2 Day/ 3 Hr
Cat 1	\$0 – 30,771	\$262	\$184	\$120	\$72	\$48
Cat 2	\$30-772 – 37,962	\$330	\$232	\$150	\$90	\$60
Cat 3	\$37,963 – 48,352	\$404	\$282	\$180	\$108	\$72
Cat 4	\$48,353 – 60,439	\$472	\$330	\$212	\$128	\$84
Cat 5	\$60,440 – 76,924	\$544	\$380	\$244	\$146	\$98
Cat 6	\$76,925 – 88,960	\$590	\$412	\$266	\$160	\$106
Cat 7	\$88, 961 – 104, 658	\$612	\$428	\$276	\$166	\$110
Cat 8	\$104, 659 – 130,868	\$634	\$444	\$286	\$172	\$114
Cat 9	\$130, 869+	\$658	\$460	\$296	\$178	\$118
Cat 9A *	\$130, 869+	\$934	\$654	\$420	\$252	\$168
Standard Hourly Rate: \$4.00 (Multiple child reductions and total family income do not apply to hourly care)						
Patrons who do not disclose financial information pay Category 9 fees.						
*CAT 9A includes Cat 9 DOD Contractors						

School Year 15-16 School-Age Child Care (SAC), Kindergarten (K), Middle School/Teen (MS/T)							
(As of Sept. 2015)							
Total Family Income Categories		Before & After	Before	After	Part Time Kindergarten	SAC/K Camp (Weekly)	MS/T Before Camp (Weekly)
Cat 1	\$0 – 30,771	\$138	\$56	\$82	\$176	\$58	\$29
Cat 2	\$30-772 – 37,962	\$176	\$72	\$104	\$222	\$73	\$37
Cat 3	\$37,963 – 48,352	\$214	\$88	\$126	\$272	\$89	\$45
Cat 4	\$48,353 – 60,439	\$250	\$102	\$148	\$316	\$104	\$52
Cat 5	\$60,440 – 76,924	\$288	\$118	\$170	\$366	\$120	\$60
Cat 6	\$76,925 – 88,960	\$312	\$128	\$184	\$396	\$130	\$65
Cat 7	\$88, 961 – 104, 658	\$324	\$132	\$192	\$412	\$135	\$68
Cat 8	\$104, 659 – 130,868	\$334	\$136	\$198	\$426	\$140	\$70
Cat 9	\$130, 869+	\$348	\$142	\$206	\$442	\$145	\$73
Cat 9A*	\$130, 869+	\$492	\$200	\$292	\$628	\$206	\$103
Occasional User Hourly Rate: \$4.00, limited to 5 hrs/week							
Occasional User Daily Rates: \$16, up to 4 hrs/day; \$30, more than 4 hrs/day							
MS/T Occasional User Rates: \$4 per hour, limited to 5 hrs/week; \$16 per day							
Multiple child reductions and total family income do not apply to occasional user hourly or daily rates.							
*CAT 9A includes Cat 9 DOD Contractors							

Youth Sports Season Fee Chart		
Category	Sports	Season Fee
Developmental Sports	Developmental Sports Activities, Ages 3-5	\$20
Category A	Soccer, flag football, cheerleading, basketball, volleyball, track & field, dodge ball	\$40
Category B	Baseball, softball, wrestling	\$45
Category C*	Tackle football, lacrosse, ice hockey, competitive swimming, golf, field hockey	\$65+
*Category C fees are locally determined but must be equal to or greater than amount shown.		

For more information about CYSS fees and policies, contact Angie Grinage at angela.m.grinage.civ@mail.mil or 410-278-7576.

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APG engineer named ‘STEM civilian hero’

By **KELLY WHITE**
CERDEC

An Army senior engineer was recognized as a 2015 STEM Military/Civilian Hero, for his commitment to protecting the warfighter and promoting education and outreach, during the 27th Annual Hispanic Engineers National Achievement Awards Conference, or HENAAC, Oct. 15.

Great Minds in STEM, a non-profit organization that focuses on science, technology, engineering and math, or STEM, educational awareness programs for students from kindergarten to career, recognized Dr. John Suarez, a senior research engineer at the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center, or CERDEC, for his outstanding technical achievements.

“Working with STEM programs has given me the ability to do something greater than myself,” Suarez said. “It is an honor to be celebrated in the Hispanic community and a privilege to serve the Army and the youth of our generation.”

Suarez said that as a child, he became interest in engineering but he thought it was out of reach.

“I never excelled at math and science



Suarez

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Dr. John Suarez
Senior research engineer at CERDEC

in school so I knew I had to work harder to get where I needed to be,” he said. While most kids his age were playing sports and getting together with friends, Suarez was hitting the books and honing his knowledge of math and science to ensure his dream of becoming an engineer came true.

“Being honored as an engineer is something I never thought I’d be able to achieve, but is proof that hard work and determination can pay off.”

He said he hopes the same determination will ring true for the children he mentors. In his role with STEM education and outreach, Suarez uses his own upbringing to inspire children to tackle obstacles that may be in the way of their goals.

“Helping someone in their journey and letting them know that big things can happen no matter what the circumstances may be is an important aspect of being a role model,” he said.

Suarez said volunteering in STEM

education and outreach programs allows him to extend beyond his everyday job and give freely with encouragement and creativity.

Over the last several years, Suarez has participated in annual conferences, workshops and information sessions that help students make informed decisions about their STEM career path and educational options. He has also served as a judge for competitive research projects for college-bound students.

“John’s commitment to STEM education and outreach is admirable,” said Ralph Troisio, supervisory electronics engineer for CERDEC’s Intelligence and Information Warfare Directorate. “He provides exemplary skills and resourcefulness, which are sufficient to warrant recognition and I am proud to have nominated him for the prestigious award.”

Suarez has an extensive educational background in radio-frequency electrical engineering and primarily performs technical research and development in

support of Soldiers. His abilities are highly applicable to the various disciplines comprising the Army mission of protecting Soldiers at home and abroad, said Moses Mingle, senior staff engineer at CERDEC I2WD.

“John has demonstrated the ability to analyze and interpret military needs, and find technical solutions to satisfy those needs,” Mingle said. “A leader in more ways than one, John is an inspiration to subordinates, peers and superiors.”

In 2014, Suarez received a patent for his work on optical interference cancellation, and has applied for six patents across several different areas of electronics, control systems and instrumentation.

Suarez said his mission for the future minds of CERDEC, young and old, is to ensure they take pride in what they do.

“One day you could design a technology that could save a Soldier’s life,” he said. “That’s engineering with a purpose and something to be proud of.”

Officer highlights Hispanic-American achievements

By **CHANEL WEAVER**
Public Health Center

As the chief of the Client Services Division in the Army Public Health Center (APHC) Laboratory Sciences Portfolio, Lt. Col. Jose M. Pizarro Matos often thinks of “diversity” in a technical way when he examines the various chemical and biological samples that are sent to his lab to determine their effect on Soldier health.

But Pizarro Matos discussed “diversity” in more general terms when he served as the guest speaker for a Hispanic American Heritage Month celebration hosted by the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense Sept. 23.

Hispanic American Heritage Month is celebrated annually between Sept. 15 and Oct. 15, and the theme of the USAMRICD event was “Energizing Our Nation’s Diversity.” Pizarro Matos discussed the roles that Hispanics play in American culture, including such areas as government, science and the entertainment industry.

As he stood in USAMRICD’s new state-of-the-art building on APG South (Edgewood) Pizarro Matos emphasized the contributions that Hispanics have made to the U.S. armed forces.

“Hispanics make up about 16 percent of the Army civilian workforce, and about 13 percent of the active-duty Army population,” he said.

The Army scientist, who was born in Puerto Rico, also described aspects of his childhood and his decision to join the Army. He said that military service was a tradition in his family, noting that his sister and brother-in-law also served in the Army.

During the event, attendees from USAMRICD and APHC, heard excerpts from Presiden Barack Obama’s presidential proclamation on National Hispanic Heritage Month, asking Americans to renew their commitment “to honoring the invaluable ways Hispanics contribute to our common goals, to celebrating Hispanic culture and to working toward



a stronger, more inclusive and more prosperous society for all.”

The attendees were also invited to participate in a dance session to learn how to perform traditional Hispanic American dances.

The event ended with a food sampling featuring a variety of Hispanic American dishes.

Col. Roman Bilynsky, USAMRICD commander, presented a certificate of appreciation to Pizarro Matos for his role in the event. Participants said that Pizarro Matos’ message of inclusion teaches an important lesson.


“I wanted people to understand that our diversity is what makes us stronger,” said Pizarro Matos. “We should accept people, no matter where they come from.”



(Above) A group of male attendees learn how to perform dance moves from the Hispanic American tradition during a Hispanic American Heritage Month celebration hosted by the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense Sept. 23.

(Left) Lt. Col. Jose M. Pizarro Matos served as the guest speaker for a Hispanic American Heritage Month celebration hosted by the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense, Sept. 23.

Photos by Graham Snodgrass



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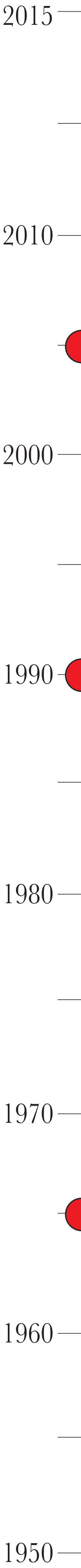
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THIS WEEK IN APG HISTORY



Take a look back in time as the APG News explores what made the headlines around APG during this week 10, 25 and 50 years ago. This week’s APG News masthead is from 1991.

By YVONNE JOHNSON, APG News

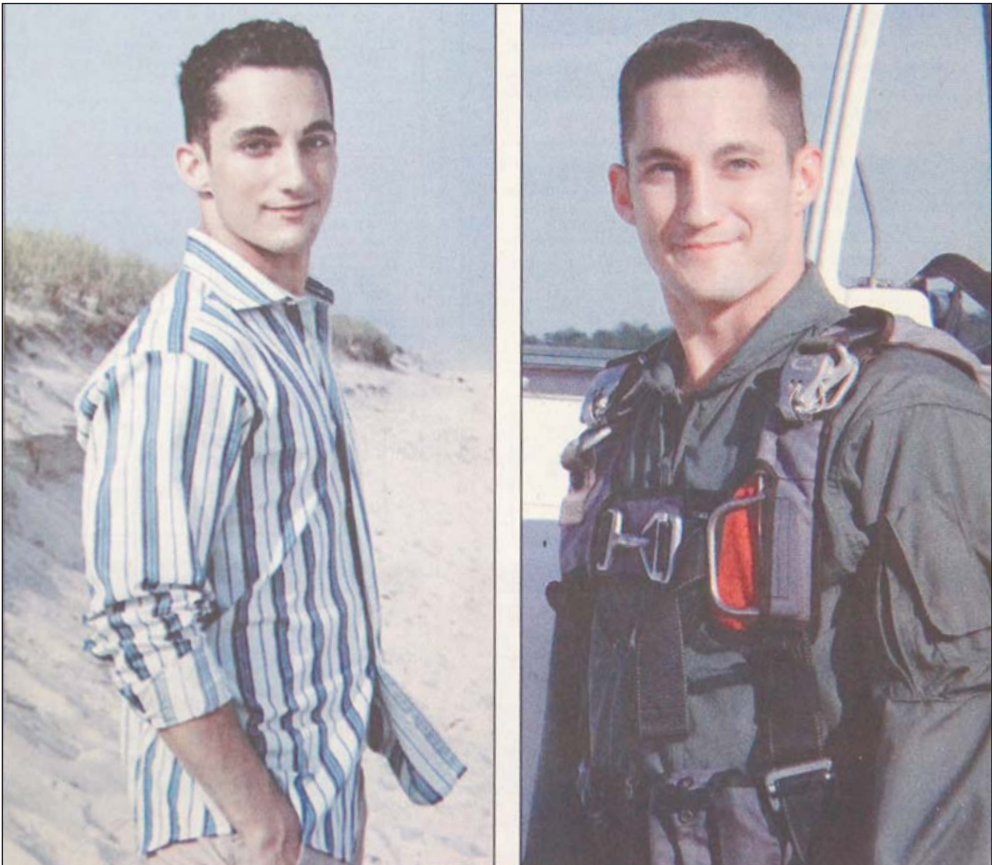


10 Years Ago: Oct. 20, 2005

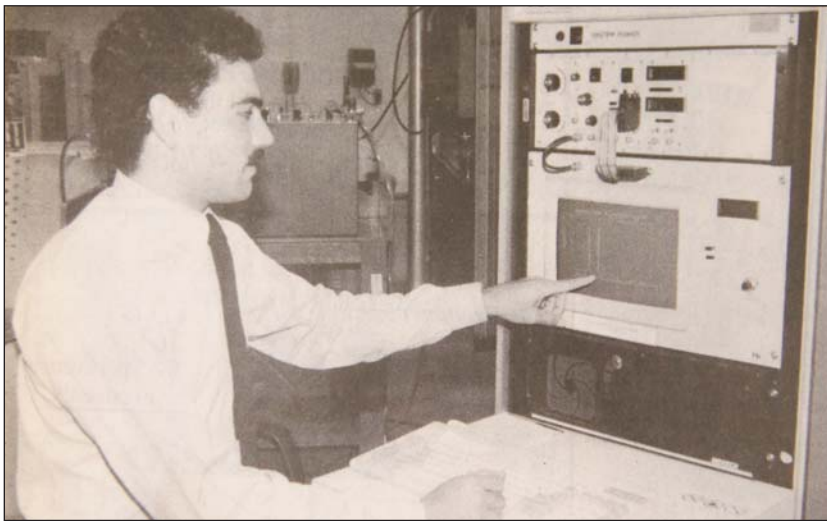


(Above) Sgt. 1st Class Moses Armstead of the 16th Ordnance Battalion, who died as a result of non-combat related injuries enroute to Afghanistan, is remembered during an Oct. 12, 2005 memorial service at the post chapel.

(Below) Capt. Michael Lind, aide to Brig. Gen. Michael Combest, commander of the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command, is named one of "Cosmopolitan" magazines "50 Hottest Bachelors" in its November 2005 issue.



25 Years Ago: Oct. 17, 1990



(Left) The U.S. Army Chemical Research Development and Engineering Center announced that electronics engineer Ricardo Torres of has been nominated for the Hispanic Engineer National Achievement Award.

(Right) Pfc. Jennifer Worstell of Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, draws blood from Staff Sgt. Dennis Peter, one of about 500 Soldiers and civilians from the U.S. Army Materiel Command who will prepare for deployment through the new Desert Shield Processing Center at APG.



50 Years Ago: Oct. 21, 1965



(Left) Retired Lt. Col. George Witheridge, left, who is credited with firing the first 75mm round at German field marshal Rommel's Afrika Corps in 1942, examines the U.S. Grant tank that fired the round on display at APG with George Jarrett, chief of the Ordnance Museum.

(Right) From left, Stephen Bilka Jr., APG Flying Club president; Col. James Caskie, security officer; Sgt. 1st Class Edward Eisler, flight instructor; Ed Minnick, maintenance officer and Lyle Kirkendall, mechanic, examine the new Cessna 150 being added to the club's fleet.





Meet & Greet at Thursday Social

(From left) APG Garrison Headquarters and Headquarters Company Commander Capt. Robert "Danny" Allen chats with Carmen Popwell from the Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical and Biological Defense (JPEO CBD) and Shariese Demby from the APG Sexual Harassment/Assault Response & Prevention (SHARP) Resource Center during the Thursday Social at Top of the Bay, Oct. 15. APG Morale, Welfare and Recreation hosts the weekly event that includes free hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. The next Thursday Social is scheduled for 4:30 p.m., Nov. 19 at Top of the Bay. Thursday Socials are open to APG Soldiers, civilians and contractors. For more information call 410-278-3062 or e-mail teri.s.hall.naf@mail.mil.

Photo by Rachel Ponder

No social security cost-of-living increase

Social Security Administration

With consumer prices down over the past year, monthly Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits for nearly 65 million Americans will not automatically increase in 2016. The Social Security Act provides for an automatic increase in Social Security and SSI benefits if there is an increase in inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W). The period of consideration includes the third quarter of the last year a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) was made to the third quarter of the current year. As determined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, there was no increase in the CPI-

W from the third quarter of 2014 to the third quarter of 2015. Therefore, under existing law, there can be no COLA in 2016. Other adjustments that would normally take effect based on changes in the national average wage index also will not take effect in January 2016. Since there is no COLA, the statute also prohibits a change in the maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social



Security tax, as well as the retirement earnings test exempt amounts. These amounts will remain unchanged in 2016. The Department of Health and Human Services has not yet announced Medicare premium changes for 2016. Should there be an increase in the Medicare Part B premium, the law contains a "hold harmless" provision that protects approximately 70 percent of Social Security

beneficiaries from paying a higher Part B premium, in order to avoid reducing their net Social Security benefit. Those not protected include higher income beneficiaries subject to an income-adjusted Part B premium and beneficiaries newly entitled to Part B in 2016. In addition, beneficiaries who have their Medicare Part B premiums paid by state medical assistance programs will see no change in their Social Security benefit. The state will be required to pay any Medicare Part B premium increase. Information about Medicare changes for 2016, when available, will be found at www.medicare.gov. For additional information, please go to www.socialsecurity.gov/cola.

BY THE NUMB#RS

Oktoberfest in Munich

Oktoberfest is the world's largest beer festival and travelling funfair and is held annually over 17 days in Munich, in the German state of Bavaria. Beer and brat-lovers can celebrate this fall festival during the APG 2015 Oktoberfest set for Oct. 23-24. Visit <http://www.apgmwr.com/2015-oktoberfest> for more information.

7.5 million

Liters of beer consumed at Oktoberfest in 2011. This is equivalent to about 12.3 million English pints, or roughly 22 million 12-ounce bottles of beer.

6.4 million

Number of visitors who attended the 2014 Oktoberfest in Munich.

4,750

Number of items turned in at the lost and found during the 2011 Oktoberfest. Some of the odder items found included a car license plate, a pair of crutches, and a Viking helmet with horns.

60

Number of Oktoberfest-related mobile apps available for download on smartphones.

\$12


The average American dollar price for a liter of beer at Oktoberfest, a \$1 increase over last year.

6

Number of mega-breweries in Munich. Most of the beverages served in the festival beer halls come from these locations.

By **STACY SMITH** APG News
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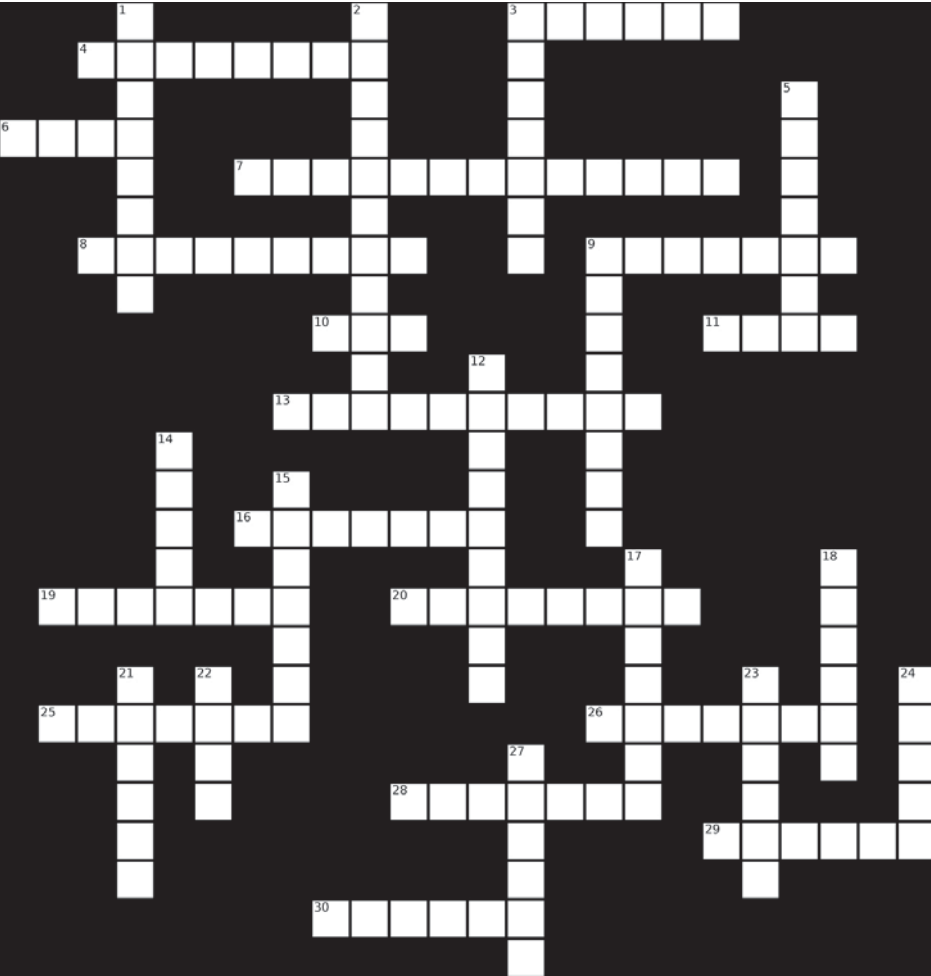
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The APG Crossword

How well do you know the NBA?

By **RACHEL PONDER**, *APG News*

The 2015-2016 National Basketball Association (NBA) regular season begins Oct. 27. Test your knowledge about this popular American sport.

Across

- 3. A pass to a teammate who scores a basket immediately or after one dribble.
- 4. This Canadian physical education instructor invented basketball in 1891, as a way to condition athletes during the winter.
- 6. Number of players from a team allowed on the court at any time.

- 7. The Harlem _____ are an exhibition basketball team that combines athleticism, theater and comedy.
- 8. LeBron James currently plays for this NBA Cleveland-based team.
- 9. Name of the former Baltimore-based NBA team.
- 10. "Space _____" is a 1996 movie starring basketball

- player Michael Jordan and features Looney Tunes cartoon characters.
- 11. In 1922, this first all-black professional team was founded.
 - 13. The first known U.S. college to field a basketball team against an outside opponent was _____ University.
 - 16. In 1955, this owner of the Syracuse Nationals invented the 24-second shot clock.
 - 19. NBA team based in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
 - 20. Number of rules in the first basketball game.
 - 25. Ankle _____ are the most common injury for NBA players.
 - 26. This former Atlanta Hawks coach has won more NBA games than any other coach.
 - 28. On Oct. 23, 1996 she became the first player signed to the WNBA.
 - 29. This retired Chicago Bulls basketball player is considered one of the best small forwards of all time.
 - 30. She was the first player to ever dunk in a Women's National Basketball Association game, and is a four-time Olympic gold medal winner.

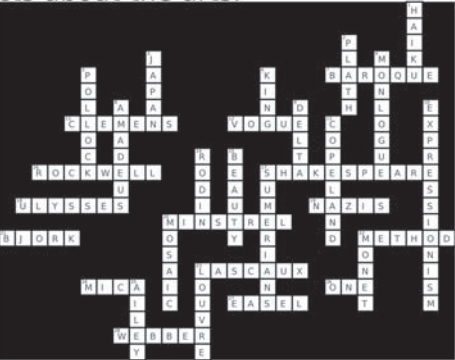
Down

- 1. A jump shot taken while jumping backwards, away from the basket.
- 2. The only player to score 100 points in a single NBA game.
- 3. This current New York Nets basketball player attended Towson Catholic High School for three years.
- 5. In 1951, he became the first African-American player to sign a NBA contract.
- 9. The line that marks the playing boundary at either end of the court. Also called the "end

- line."
- 12. A violation of the rules that occurs when a player holding the ball moves one or both of his feet illegally.
 - 14. This billionaire businessman and TV personality is the owner of the NBA's Dallas Mavericks.
 - 15. Leonardo DiCaprio starred in the 1995 movie "Basketball _____," about a high school basketball star.
 - 17. This Boston-based team has won the most championships out of any NBA franchise.
 - 18. He played more games in the NBA than any other player.
 - 21. The all-time leading scorer in L.A. Lakers franchise history.
 - 22. In 1984 this company produced Air Jordan 1 shoes for Chicago Bulls basketball player Michael Jordan.
 - 23. Basketball became an official Olympic event in 1936 at the Summer Games held in this German city.
 - 24. Before the late 1950s basketballs were this color.
 - 27. At 5'3", he is the smallest player to ever play in the NBA.

Think you solved last week's puzzle?
Check out the solution below

Solution to the October 15 puzzle



WORD OF THE WEEK

Avaricious

Pronounced: av-uh-RISH-uh s

Part of Speech: Adjective

Definition

- 1. Having or showing an extreme greed for wealth or material gain
- 2. Actuated by avarice; greedy of gain; immoderately desirous of accumulating property; excessively acquisitive especially in seeking to hoard riches

Other forms:

- Avariciously, adverb
- Avariciousness, noun

Use:

- Even with an avaricious motive it's hard to justify increasing the price of admission for a simple community theater production.
- A proud and avaricious man never rests, whereas he who is poor and humble of heart lives in a world of peace.
- The popular belief is that the Family and Medical Leave Act protects workers from avaricious employers who are only concerned with accumulating wealth.

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**, *APG News*
Source(s): www.dictionary.reference.com www.oxforddictionaries.com www.webster-dictionary.net

ACRONYM OF THE WEEK

MBDA

Minority Business Development Agency




The Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) was originally established as the Office of Minority Business Enterprise by President Richard M. Nixon on March 5, 1969. The MBDA is an agency in the United States Department of Commerce that promotes growth and competitiveness of the United States' minority-owned businesses.

The MBDA was created to assist minority businesses in achieving effective and equitable participation in the American free enterprise system and in overcoming social and economic disadvantages that limited their participation in the past. The agency provides national policies and leadership in forming and strengthening a partnership of business, industry, and government with the nation's minority businesses.

The MBDA national director is Alejandra Castillo. Albert Shen is the national deputy director.

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**, *APG News*
Source(s): <http://www.mbda.gov/>; <https://www.federalregister.gov/>; <https://en.wikipedia.org>



APG CATCH-A-POACHER PROGRAM

A wide variety of wildlife call Aberdeen Proving Ground home. The APG Conservation Law Enforcement Branch is asking you to be a partner in protecting and preserving the natural resources here on post. If you see or have knowledge of poaching or illegal activity involving wildlife or natural resources, you can use the SUBMIT-A-TIP hotline to anonymously provide information to catch a poacher.

Call the SUBMIT-A-TIP "HOTLINE" at 410-306-4673.

Emergencies or violations in progress should always be reported via 911.

When reporting poaching or illegal activity involving wildlife or natural resources on APG, please take note of the information listed in the form below.

Name/Description/Address of the Poacher
Location/Days/Times & Type of Poaching
Vehicle/Vessel Description or Registration #

You can also cut out this completed SUBMIT-A-TIP form and mail it to: 2200 Aberdeen Blvd. APG, MD 21005



Photo by Yvonne Johnson

Focusing on fire prevention

Mya Stokes tries her hand at the fire extinguisher with assistance from Fire Inspector John Frank during a fire prevention event featuring vehicles and interactive displays at the APG North (Aberdeen) youth center, Oct. 16. CYSS youth center children, from left, Melody Turner, Azaria Ballou, Isaiah Williams, CYSS aide Claudia Felix, and Zomarrie Thomas also took turns on the extinguisher.

Expo connects Soldiers, civilians and new tech

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leave post.

“It’s a one-stop shop,” McCully said. FDAE co-owner Mark Flemister, who has co-organized the biannual APG tech expos for about 15 years, said he believes each event helps the technologically savvy effectively share new information that will advance their organization’s mission.

“Technology changes so fast; this is a very effective way for vendors to bring the technology directly to APG personnel and show them all the latest things-current and future trends. It’s just a constant exchange,” Flemister said.

About 25 percent of vendors were first-time attendees, such as Micron Technology, Inc., which manufactures and sells data storage and memory devices like semiconductor systems. Bob McClellan, Micron enterprise solutions architect, said the company’s products are desirable for military purposes because they have a “small footprint when it comes to space, weight, power and cooling, and [contain] no moving parts.”

“It’s all silicon; nothing breaks,” McClellan added. “They [Soldiers] can take more of their data out to the field, they can do more processing out in the field, and they can do it instantaneously.”

Joseph Siedlarz, Micron sales manager, showcased one such device, a computer that he said is 1,000 times faster than computers selling on the market today, and about the size of a cell phone battery.

“You could build a very small device around this computer and have it on your person, and now you’ve got a tremendous amount of processing power right in the palm of your hand,” he said.

Siedlarz, a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel and McClellan, a former Army sergeant, said they appreciate the innovations that place today’s military at the cutting-edge of warfare technology.

McClellan said he was a long-range reconnaissance Soldier who worked in the field and he remembers the heavy computing equipment he was required to carry.

“I know it better than anybody because I carried it on my back, and it was very heavy,” he said. “I would have loved to have carried this [battery-sized computer] on my back.”

Expo attendees said they enjoyed learning about new technology from like-minded people.

“The collaboration that happens in the [tech] community is amazing,” said Col. Darrell Gregg, Army Test and Evaluation Command (ATEC).

Gregg said he is in the process of retiring from the Army, and that he adopted the expo as an informal way to



Team APG personnel peruse the latest information and advancements in technology and innovation during the the Fall Technology at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center, Oct. 14. The expo drew more than 400 civilians, Soldiers and contractors from across the installation.

network with individuals in the technology community.

“I kind of wanted to use this as a chance to refresh my knowledge and to figure out what new technologies might be out there,” he said, adding that he enjoyed the opportunity to “share information, share knowledge, and work as partners in the community to support the warfighter.”

As a service member, Gregg said he recognizes the importance of today’s technological advancements in meeting the Army’s mission.

“I’ve been in the Army 26 and a half years, so I’ve seen it [technology]-everything from when a hand-held radio was all you had, all the way up to the visualization technologies that we have today, which are just tremendously more beneficial than what we ever had many years ago.”

Irene Booth, operations chief for Program Executive Office, Intelligence, Electronic Warfare and Sensor (PEO IEW&S), said she attends the tech expo each year to peruse products that may be useful for a particular organization.

“It’s an easy way to see all the stuff coming out,” Booth said.

“You get to see what Dell is putting out, and HP is putting out and all those



Micron sales manager Joseph Siedlarz, left, and Bob McClellan, Micron enterprise solutions architect, right, talk technology with APG contractor Angelo Jaco during the Fall Technology Expo at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center Oct. 14.

companies are putting out for the next consolidated buy. So you can do a quick review of what will support your office the best. That’s why I always come to these; it helps me when I make my informed decisions on what we need.”

The expo included three technology briefings about Microsoft Windows operating systems and Datacenter infrastructure management.

The next Technology Expo is scheduled for April 20, 2016.

How are we doing? E-mail comments and suggestions for the APG News to the editor at usarmy.apg.imcom.mbx.apg-pao@mail.mil

Allen ‘humbled’ by new role at HHC

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them well.

He noted that Milano represented the garrison across the installation and took a special interest in helping local veterans while coordinating several events at Perry Point VA Medical Center in Perryville. Davis personally thanked Milano for assisting him when he arrived at the garrison 60 days ago and wished he and his wife, Natalya, who is pregnant with twins, all the best.

“ATEC will present its own challenges and help you grow as an Army officer,” he said, “but your greater responsibility, and one I am sure will test your mettle, is parenthood; congratulations.”

Noting that Allen came from Fort Campbell, Kentucky, Davis said he brings years of supply support experience to the unit. He welcomed Allen and his family to the garrison team.

“We’re a tight-knit family with phenomenal support from our surrounding community,” he said. “You will find a lot of support from the garrison directorates and I look forward to your leadership, dedication and resolve to tackle today’s issues.”

To both officers, Davis advised that terrorist threats to the nation’s armed forces as well as to the nation remain constant and that “keystrokes could replace triggers and unmanned aerial vehicles could replace forward observers” on the next 21st century battlefield.

“As young captains, you both face daunting tasks, but I assure you that if you remember to always stand by the four pillars: Faith, Family, Unit and Self, you will be happy, successful and exactly the type of leader the Army needs. Best of luck to you both.”

Milano said working at the garrison showed him all the things he’d taken for granted during assignments at other installations.

“It is truly amazing [to realize] what goes on behind the scenes to ensure the gates are manned, the power is on, the gyms are open and things run smooth,” he said.

He thanked Davis for his mentorship and guidance and 1st Sgt. Jermaine Allen for his “hard work, dedication and problem-solving skills.”

“I wish you and your family all the best and I know you will do great things



Photo by Sean Kief

Capt. Robert “Danny” Allen addresses the audience after assuming command of the Garrison HHC from Capt. Nicholas Milano. A member of the Army Quartermaster Corps, Allen first arrived at APG in November 2014 where he served as a logistician for the 22nd Chemical Battalion.

here at APG and wherever you go,” he told the first sergeant.

After thanking directors and Garrison staff members, Milano assured Capt. Allen he was leaving him in great company.

“You are going to be a great company commander and do great things for the Soldiers and civilians of APG,” he said.

Allen thanked Davis for the opportunity to lead the Garrison HHC and Milano for assisting during his transition into the unit.

“I feel humbled to be entrusted with this command,” he said. “APG Strong.

Thank you.”

Capt. Robert “Danny” Allen

Allen enlisted in the U.S. Army in November 2000 and was commissioned as a second lieutenant from Officer Candidate School in 2010.

While stationed at Fort Campbell, Allen served as a platoon leader in the 96th Aviation Support Battalion and as the supply transportation officer and assistant brigade S4, or logistician, for the HHC, 101st Combat Aviation Brigade.

He arrived at APG in November 2014 where he first served as the battalion S4

for the 22nd Chemical Battalion on APG South.

His military education includes the Quartermaster Basic Officer Course, the Combined Logistics Career, Sling Load Inspectors, Support Operations courses and Air Assault School.

Allen hold a bachelor’s degree in Criminology from the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

His awards include the Bronze Star, Army Commendation, Afghanistan and Iraqi campaigns and Global War on Terrorism medals as well as the NATO medal and Combat Action Badge.

Did You Know?

Every year the U.S. president signs an executive order designating the month of October as National Italian American Heritage Month.

Coinciding with the festivities surrounding Columbus Day, the proclamation is in recognition of the many achievements, contributions, and successes of Americans of Italian descent as well as Italians in America.

More than 5.4 million Italians immigrated to the United States between 1820 and 1992. Today there are more than 26 million Americans of Italian descent in the United States, making them the fifth largest ethnic group. The country was even named after an Italian, the explorer and geographer Amerigo Vespucci.

Italian Americans have served in the nation’s armed forces since the Revolutionary War and have earned every medal in every branch including the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Italian American Medal of Honor recipients

(Unit, date/location of action)

Civil War

Col. Luigi Palma di Cesnola - 4th New York Cavalry, June 17, 1863, Battle of Aldie, Virginia

Maj. Thomas W. Hyde - 7th Maine Infantry, Sept. 17, 1862, Antietam, Maryland

Indian Wars

Cpl. George Ferrari, 8th U.S. Cavalry, Sept. 23, 1869, Arizona Territory Spanish-American War

Pvt. Frank O. Fournia, Company H, 21st U.S. Infantry, July 1, 1898, Santiago, Cuba

World War I

Pvt. Michael Valente, U.S. Army, Company D 107th Infantry, 27th Division; Sept. 29, 1918, Ronssoy, France

World War II

Sgt. John Basilone – U.S. Marine Corps, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division, Oct. 24 and 25, 1942, Lunga Area, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands

Master Sgt. Vito R. Bertoldo – U.S. Army Company A, 242nd Infantry, 42nd Infantry Division, Jan. 9 and 10, 1945, Hatten, France

1st Lt. Willibald C. Bianchi - U.S. Army, 45th Infantry Regiment (PS), Philippine Scouts, Feb. 3, 1942, near Bagac, Bataan Province, Philippine Islands

Cpl. Anthony Casamento – U.S. Marine Corps, Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division, Nov. 1, 1942, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands

Maj. Ralph Cheli, U.S. Army Air Corps, Aug. 18, 1943, near Wewak, New Guinea

Pfc. Joseph J. Cicchetti – U.S. Army, Company A, 148th Infantry, 37th Infantry Division, Feb. 9, 1945, South Manila, Luzon, Philippine Islands

Pfc. Mike Colalillo – U.S. Army, Company C, 398th Infantry, 100th Infantry Division, April 7, 1945, near Untergriesheim, Germany

Tech. Sgt. Peter J. Dalessandro – U.S. Army, Company E, 39th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division, Dec. 22, 1944, near Kalterherberg, Germany

Cpl. Anthony P. Damato - U.S. Marine Corps, 2nd Battalion, 22nd Marines, Feb. 19 -20, 1944, Engebi Island, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands

Staff Sgt. Arthur F. DeFranzo – U.S. Army, 1st Infantry Division, June 10, 1944, near Vaubadon, France

Pfc. Gino J. Merli – U.S. Army, 18th Infantry, 1st Infantry Division, Sept. 4-5, 1944, near Sars la Bruyere, Belgium

Pfc. Frank J. Petrarca – U.S. Army, Medical Detachment, 145th Infantry, 37th Infantry Division, July 27, 1943, Horseshoe Hill, New Georgia, Solomon Islands

2nd Lt. Robert M. Viale, U.S. Army, Company K, 148th Infantry, 37th Infantry Division, Feb. 5, 1945, Manila, Luzon, Philippine Islands

Korean War

Capt. Reginald B. Desiderio – U.S. Army, Company commander, Company E, 27th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry, Nov. 27, 1950, near Ipsok, Korea

Cpl. Joseph Vittori – U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, Company F, 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines, 1st Marine Division (Reinforced), Sept. 15-16, 1951, Hill 749, Korea

Vietnam War

Pfc. Lewis Albanese – U.S. Army, Company B, 5th Battalion (Airmobile), 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Dec. 1, 1966, Republic of Vietnam

Lt. Vincent R. Capodanno – U.S. Navy, Chaplain Corps, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division (Reinforced), FMF, Sept. 4, 1967, Quang Tin Province, Republic of Vietnam

Staff Sgt. Jon R. Cavaiani – U.S. Army, Vietnam Training Advisory Group, June 4-5, 1971, Republic of Vietnam

Cpl. Frank R. Fratellenico – U.S. Army, Company B, 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, Aug. 19, 1970, Quang Tri Province, Republic of Vietnam

Pfc. Gary W. Martini – U.S. Marine Corps, Company F, 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines, 1st Marine Division, April 21, 1967, Binh Son, Republic of Vietnam

Sgt. 1st Class Louis R. Rocco – U.S. Army, Advisory Team 162, Military Assistance Command, May 24, 1970, northeast of Katum, Republic of Vietnam

Capt. Humbert R. Versace – U.S. Army, Detachment A-23, 5th Special Forces Group, Army Special Forces, Intelligence Advisor to Military Assistance Advisory Group, Ca Mau, Republic of Vietnam, Oct. 29, 1963 to Sept. 26, 1965

War in Afghanistan

Sgt. 1st Class Jared C. Monti, U.S. Army, 3rd Squadron, 71st Cavalry, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, June 21, 2006, Gowardesh, Nuristan Province, Afghanistan

Staff Sgt. Salvatore Giunta, U.S. Army, Company B, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade, Oct. 27, 2007, Korengal Valley, Afghanistan

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<http://en.wikipedia.org>

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APG SNAPSHOT

Take a peek at the events making news in and around U.S. Army Garrison Aberdeen Proving Ground. For complete photo coverage, visit <http://www.flickr.com/photos/usagapg/>.

Corvias hosts annual pumpkin patch



APG residents of all ages donned their best Halloween costumes and picked out pumpkins during the annual Resident Pumpkin Patch at the Bayside Community Center on APG North (Aberdeen), Oct. 16.
(Clockwise, from left)
"Astronaut" Ryker Hartum, 1, happily shows off his pick from the pumpkin patch.
"Dalmatian" Rachel Harlan, 7 months old, waits for her mother, who also wore a Dalmatian costume, to enter their family in the Halloween costume contest. The family's dog was dressed as a firefighter.
Scarlett Kalohi, 3, seems Cinderella-like while picking out a pumpkin.
APG housing residents select pumpkins and enjoy fall festivities.
"Kitten" Madaline Musick, 18 months old, inspects her first pumpkin.

Photos by Stacy Smith



LOCAL NCOA CHAPTER DONATES \$2,000 TO PERRY POINT VA

Ed Daly, the Non-commissioned Officers of America Four States Liberty Chapter #1661 chairman, left, presents a \$2,000 check to Susan Kern, Perry Point VA Program Manager, Voluntary Services Officer, Oct. 7. He was assisted by Mike Burrell, right, NCOA Chapter #1661 vice chairman.
The funds will be used toward various veterans assistance programs, ranging from substance abuse rehabilitation to supplementary housing.

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